

Instruction

MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

To foster intercultural understanding, communication and respect in an increasingly diverse society, curriculum and instruction at all grade levels shall reflect the perspective and experiences of various cultural, ethnic, racial and social groups. The Governing Board desires that multicultural education be integrated across the curriculum into as many subjects as possible rather than providing isolated lessons on different cultures.

The district's comprehensive multicultural education program shall recognize the contributions of different groups of people to the history, life and culture of the local community, California, the United States and other nations. It may include but not be limited to instruction about the languages, cultural characteristics, significant events and individuals, and social, political and economic conditions of various ethnic groups.

While recognizing the unique aspects of different cultures and peoples, multicultural education shall also emphasize commonalities and challenge the stereotypes and biases that inhibit intergroup understanding. Multicultural education also shall be designed to contribute to the personal development of students through greater self-understanding, positive self-concept and pride in one's ethnic identity.

Legal Reference: Education Code
44560 Inservice preparation in ethnic backgrounds
60040 Portrayal of cultural and racial diversity

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