

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

The Yolo County Office of Education and the Yolo County Board of Education desire to provide a research-based, sequential curriculum which promotes high levels of student achievement and emphasizes the development of basic skills, problem solving, and decision making. Upon recommendation of the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools, the County Office shall adopt a written curriculum which describes, for each subject area and grade level, the content objectives which are to be taught in all County Office schools/programs.

The County Office's curriculum shall be aligned with the County Board and County Superintendent vision and goals for student learning, County Office policies, academic content standards, state curriculum frameworks, state and County Office assessments, graduation requirements, school/program improvement plans, and, when necessary, related legal requirements.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for curriculum development, selection, and/or adaptation which utilizes the professional expertise of teachers, site administrators, and County Office administrators representing various grade levels, disciplines, special programs, and categories of students as appropriate. The process also may provide opportunities for input from students, parents/guardians, representatives of local businesses, local school districts, postsecondary institutions, and other community members.

The selection and evaluation of instructional materials shall be coordinated with the curriculum development and evaluation process.

When presenting a recommended curriculum for adoption, the County Superintendent or designee shall provide research, data, or other evidence demonstrating the proven effectiveness of the proposed curriculum. He/she also shall present information about the resources that would be necessary to successfully implement the curriculum and describe any modifications or supplementary services that would be needed to make the curriculum accessible to all students.

The County Office shall establish a review cycle for regularly evaluating the YCOE curriculum in order to ensure continued alignment with state and County Office goals for student achievement. At a minimum, these reviews shall be conducted whenever the State Board of Education adopts new or revised content standards or the curriculum framework for a particular subject or when new law requires a change or addition to the curriculum.

The County Superintendent or designee shall keep the County Board informed about student interest and achievement in each area of the curriculum. The County Superintendent or designee also shall facilitate the County Board's efforts to discuss its findings with staff and students before adopting curriculums.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

221.5 Equal opportunity

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51050-51057 Enforcement of courses of study

51200-51263 Required courses of study

51500-51540 Prohibited instruction

51720-51879.9 Authorized classes and courses of instruction

60000-60424 Instructional materials

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4000-4091 School improvement programs

4320 Programs for English Language Learner

4400-4426 Improvement of elementary and secondary education

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Curriculum, 1996

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Content Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade 12

Curriculum Frameworks for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade 12

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: <http://www.ascd.org>

Association of California School Administrators: <http://www.acsa.org>

California Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: <http://www.cascd.org>

California Department of Education, Curriculum and Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci>