

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 6141

ADOPTED: 2/24/97

CLASSIFICATION: Curriculum/Instruction

REVISED:

SUBJECT: Statement of Curriculum Philosophy

The Board and/or the Superintendent shall develop and maintain courses of study and instructional materials for County-operated classes which are in conformance with Education Code requirements and Board policy and will prepare students to become productive members of society. (See legal citations at end of policy for courses of study controlled by Board.)

1. The curriculum developed for programs operated by the Office shall promote the well being of the "whole" student; e.g., mental health, physical health, academic learning and responsible legal behavior.
2. Curriculum shall respond to the educational needs and capabilities of our "target" populations and the individual student. Special education students will be governed by applicable federal and state laws.
3. Curriculum shall reflect a respect for students.
4. Curriculum shall promote character development: trustworthiness, respect for self and others, responsibility, fairness, caring, civic and personal virtue, good citizenship, independence, interdependence, empathy and respect for authority.
5. Curriculum shall teach and refine the skills necessary to pursue truth; e.g., reading, writing, listening, speaking, computing, critical thinking, reasoning, studying, and researching.
6. Curriculum shall promote the inclusion of the target student population in regular school programs.
7. Curriculum shall teach and encourage respect for knowledge and scholarship that is objective, reasoned and free from dogmatism.
8. Curriculum shall strive to instill, inspire and maintain academic honesty, academic integrity and academic excellence.
9. Curriculum shall teach the historical and cultural roots of America and reflect their fundamental values; e.g., the ethical foundation upon which the U.S. Constitution and institutions are based.

10. Curriculum shall teach respect for the role and authority of parents.
11. Curriculum shall teach about religion and its role in the world, in America and in individual's lives. (It must not instruct in religion or seek acceptance of and commitment to a particular religion, including a non-religion such as secularism.)
12. Curriculum shall be developed so that learning goals and outcomes, implementation plans, and objective evaluations are established.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1720	County course of study (not applicable at this time)
1830	Audio and visual curriculum materials approved by Board
1983	Course of study for County Community Schools determined by Board
48645	Course of study for Juvenile Court Schools determined by Board
52302.3	Review of ROP vocational courses by Board
60040 et seq	Requirements for instructional materials