Santa Barbara Unified School District
Board Policy

Instruction

BP 6142.2

WORLD/FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

In order to prepare students for global citizenship and to broaden their intercultural understanding and career opportunities, the Governing Board shall provide students with opportunities to develop linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy in one or more world languages in addition to English.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend world languages to be taught in the district’s educational program based on student interest, community needs, and available resources. He/she shall also consider providing English learners the opportunity to study their heritage language, when such a course is available, in order to continue developing skills in that language. American Sign Language courses shall be open to all students regardless of hearing status.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

The district shall offer a sequential curriculum aligned with the state content standards, state curriculum framework, and, as applicable, California university admission requirements for languages other than English.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Instruction in world languages shall be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 7 and shall be designed to develop students’ skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the language. (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Students shall obtain credit toward high school graduation requirements for completion of a one-year course in a world language or American Sign Language during grades 9-12.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

The district may offer age-appropriate language programs in elementary schools.

The district may establish a dual-language immersion program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding. (Education Code 305-306)

The Board shall ensure that students have access to high-quality instructional materials in world languages. In accordance with Board policy, teachers shall be encouraged to identify and use supplemental resources, such as literature, technology, newspapers and other media, dictionaries, and volunteers from the
community to enhance the world language instructional program.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to ensure that teachers of world languages have the knowledge and skills they need to implement an effective instructional program that helps students attain academic standards.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
300-310 Education for English learners
42238.02 Local control funding formula; class size requirements
44253.1-44253.11 Qualifications of teachers of English learners
44256-44257 Credential requirements, including teachers of foreign language
48980 Parental notifications
51212 Legislative intent to encourage foreign language instruction in grades 1-6
51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12
51225.3 High school graduation requirements
51243-51245 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school
60119 Public hearings, instructional materials
60605.3 Content standards for world language instruction
60605.5 Revision of state standards for world language instruction
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
1632 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS
English Learners in Focus, Issue 2: The Promise of Two-Way Immersion Programs, Governance Brief, September 2014

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Two-Way Language Immersion Program FAQ
World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, adopted January 7, 2009
Foreign Language Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS PUBLICATIONS

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS
CL-622 Serving English Learners

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PUBLICATIONS
A-G Guide

WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: http://www.actfl.org
California Association for Bilingual Education: http://www.gocabe.org
California Department of Education, Foreign Language: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl
California Foreign Language Project: http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP
California Language Teachers' Association: http://www.clta.net
Center for Applied Linguistics: http://www.cal.org
University of California, a-g Course Approval: http://www ucop edu/agguide