

**Instruction**

**CIVIC EDUCATION**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that citizen involvement in civic and political institutions is essential to a democratic government and desires to provide a comprehensive civic education program to help students acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, responsible citizenship.

The Board shall approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, academic standards and curriculum in civics and government that are aligned with state academic standards and curriculum frameworks.

**Constitution/Citizenship Day**

Each year on or near September 17, in commemoration of Constitution and Citizenship Day, the district shall hold an educational program for students in grades K-12 pertaining to the United States Constitution which shall include exercises and instruction in the purpose, meaning, and importance of the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights. (Education Code 37221; P.L. 108-447, Sec. 111)

- (cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
- (cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
- (cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
- (cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)
- (cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
- (cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
- (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
- (cf. 6142.4 - Learning Through Community Service)
- (cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
- (cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

- 233.5 Teaching of principles
- 33540 Standards for government and civics instruction
- 37221 Commemorative exercises including anniversary of U.S. Constitution
- 48205 Absence from school for jury duty or precinct board service
- 51210 Courses of study, grades 1-6
- 51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

**ELECTIONS CODE**

- 12302 Precinct boards, appointment of students

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**

- 6711-6716 Education for Democracy Act

**CIVIC EDUCATION (continued)**

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36**

101-144 Patriotic observances

Management Resources:

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

School Board Leadership: The Role and Function of California's School Boards, 1996

**FEDERAL REGISTER**

70 Fed. Reg. 9929727 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS**

Essentials of Law-Related Education, rev. 2003

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

History-Social Science Content Standards

**CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

Education for Democracy: California Civic Education Scope & Sequence, 2003

National Standards for Civics and Government, 1994

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) PUBLICATIONS**

1998 Civics Report Card for the Nation, November 18, 1999

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

**WEB SITES**

American Bar Association, Law-Related Education Projects: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lre>

American Political Science Association: <http://www.apsanet.org>

Bill of Rights Institute: <http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org>

California Association of Student Leaders: <http://www.casl1.org>

California Council for the Social Studies: <http://www.ccss.org>

Center for California Studies: <http://www.csus.edu/calst>

Center for Civic Education: <http://www.civiced.org>

Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement:  
<http://www.civicyouth.org>

Center for Youth Citizenship: <http://www.youthcitizenship.org>

Constitutional Rights Foundation: <http://www.crf-usa.org>

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), Civics Assessment:  
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/civics>

National Council for the Social Studies: <http://www.ncss.org>