

Tahoe Truckee USD

Administrative Regulation

World/~~Foreign~~ Language Instruction

AR 6142.2

Instruction

Content of Instruction

The district's instructional program for world languages shall be designed to help students gain knowledge about new language systems, **develop a cultural understanding**, and use that knowledge to communicate. Students shall receive instruction which is aligned with state academic standards appropriate to their age and stage of linguistic and cultural proficiency in the following ~~five~~ categories:

~~1. Content: Students shall be presented with a wide variety of content that is age and stage appropriate and increases in complexity.~~

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

21. Communication: Students shall be taught to effectively convey and receive messages by engaging in or interpreting written, spoken, and/or signed languages-, **including:**

3a. Language functions, which describe the purposes to which language is used in culturally appropriate real-world communication

b. The setting in which the language is used, which includes using language both within and beyond the classroom to interact in local communities and abroad

c. The structures used to convey meaning

2. Cultures: Students shall receive instruction that allows them to ~~make connections and comparisons between language and culture~~**interact, with competence and understanding, with those who are native to the language in a variety of real-world settings.**

(cf. 6142.94 - History/~~Social Science~~ Instruction)

3. Connections: Students shall receive instruction that builds, reinforces, and expands their knowledge of other disciplines using the language to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and to access and evaluate information and diverse perspectives readily or only available through the language and its cultures, in order to function in real-world, academic and career-related settings.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

~~4. Structures: The curriculum shall address components of grammar, syntax, and language patterns appropriate to the language being taught.~~

~~5. Settings: To help students comprehend meaning and use language that is culturally appropriate, students shall develop knowledge of the context or setting in which language is used, such as common daily settings, interpersonal settings, and informal and formal settings.~~

~~Two-Way~~**Dual-Language** Immersion Programs

~~The district may establish two-way~~

The district's dual-language immersion programs **may be** based on either or both of the following models:

1. A 50:50 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language for 50 percent of the time and in English for 50 percent of the time, throughout the duration of the program
2. A 90:10 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language for 90 percent of the time and in English for 10 percent of the time during the first year of the program, decreasing the percentage of time in the non-English language in each subsequent year until there is a 50:50 balance of languages

(cf. 6174 - Education for English-only Learners)

Native English speakers shall **generally** be ~~accepted~~**admitted** into the program only during the first grade level at which the program is offered, **and** English learners ~~may be admitted into the program~~ during the first or second grade level at which the program is offered. ~~Bilingual students may enter the program at any time.~~ **On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee may admit a student later in the program if it is determined that the student is adequately prepared for and will benefit from the program.**

In enrolling students for the program, the district shall strive to maintain a ratio of half **native** English speakers and half ~~non-English speakers~~**learners**, and such ratio shall not fall below one-third for either language group except under exceptional circumstances.

~~In order for a limited-English-proficient student to participate in a two-way~~

Any dual-language immersion program, ~~his/her parent/guardian~~ **offered in grades K-3** shall ~~annually submit a request for a parental exception waiver pursuant to~~ **comply with class size requirements specified in Education Code 42238.02.** ~~(Education Code 310-311 and 5 CCR-11309.)~~

~~(cf. 6174 - Education for~~**6151 - Class Size)**

Whenever one or more English learners are enrolled in a dual-language immersion

classroom, the class shall be taught by a teacher who possesses the appropriate authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Language Learners)

At the beginning of each school year or upon a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be provided information on the district's dual-language immersion program and other language acquisition programs available to students enrolled in the district, including, but not limited to, a description of each program. (Education Code 310)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

If a school does not currently offer a dual-language immersion program but the parents/guardians of 30 or more students at the school, or 20 or more students at the same grade level, request the establishment of such a program, the district shall determine whether it is possible to offer such a program in accordance with 5 CCR 11311.

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