



**DATE:** June 3, 2020

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Robert Leri, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

**SUBJECT:** First Read of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6143, Courses of Study

**PRESENTED BY:** Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

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### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Information Only – First Read of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6143, Courses of Study

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Governing Board recognizes that a well-aligned sequence of courses fosters academic growth and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The district’s course of study shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful academically, professionally, and personally.

The new language in the board policy states, “The district shall not provide any course separately on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability or require or refuse participation by any of its’ students on any such basis.”

Related to courses of study for grades 7-12, the Administrative Regulation adds the following:

1. Social Studies – The Bracero Program
2. Health Education – Violence awareness and prevention
3. Health Education – Ethnic Studies

In addition, the course of study for grade 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills and education, including, but not limited to, child growth and development, parental responsibilities, household budgeting, child abuse, and neglect issues, personal hygiene, maintenance of healthy relationships, teen parenting issues, and self-esteem.

The Administrative Regulation also added language related to providing information to students and parents/guardians regarding the completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or the Dream Act application at least once before grade 12. (Education Code 51225.8)

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:** N/A

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Attachment: BP 6143 & AR 6143