

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ELK GROVE UNIFIED INVITES PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON NEW K-8 HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Newly Amended Curriculum Aims to Accurately Portray the Cultural and Racial Diversity of Our Society and Includes Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Americans, Persons with Disabilities and Members of other Ethnic and Cultural Groups

ELK GROVE, Calif. – July 30, 2018 – The Elk Grove Unified School District invites parents and community members to preview and provide feedback on the newly proposed K-8 History/Social Science instructional materials under consideration for EGUSD adoption. The District’s review process, which includes teachers piloting the proposed materials, began in July and is scheduled to be completed by December. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend one or more of the instructional material preview days between August and December 2018. Proposed instructional materials were reviewed, evaluated and selected by the California State Board of Education and are under review by the EGUSD K-12 History/Social Science Steering Committee. Once the review process is complete, District staff will compile stakeholder feedback and bring forward a recommendation to the Board of Education in February 2019.

Instructional Materials

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| Grades K-5 | myWorld (Pearson, Scott Foresman and Prentice Hall) |
| Grades K-5 | Impact California (McGraw-Hill Education) |
| Grades 6-8 | Impact California (McGraw-Hill Education) |
| Grades 6-8 | National Geographic World History (National Geographic Learning) |

Instructional Material Preview Dates and Times

1. Tuesday, August 14, 2018
2. Monday, September 10, 2018
3. Thursday, October 11, 2018
4. Tuesday, November 6, 2018
5. Tuesday, November 13, 2018
6. Wednesday, November 14, 2018
7. Friday, December 14, 2018

Parents and Community Members are welcome to drop-in anytime between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to review and provide feedback on the proposed instructional materials.

Location: EGUSD District Offices - [Cafe Express](#), Robert L. Trigg Education Center
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The new materials are aligned with recent changes to the California History/Social Science Framework that include content related to the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Act. Enacted in 2012, the FAIR Act updated the [California Education Code 60040](#) in regard to requirements for instructional materials, which directs governing boards to only adopt instructional materials that "accurately portray the cultural and racial diversity of our society." While this section already included a number of diverse groups, it has since been amended to include all groups in Section 51204.5: Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities and members of other ethnic and cultural groups.

Instructional materials used in California public schools must comply with Education Code sections 60040-60045 and 60048 as well as the SBE guidelines in Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content (2013 Edition), which require the following in regard to the depiction of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in instructional materials:

- **Achievements.** Whenever developments in history or current events, or achievements in art, science, or other fields are presented, the contributions of persons of gay, lesbian, or bisexual orientation, or transgender persons, particularly prominent persons, should be included and discussed when it is historically accurate to do so.
- **Proportion of portrayals.** Instructional materials containing references to, or illustrations of, people must portray accurately, to the extent possible, the roles and contributions of a fair proportion of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.
- **Roles.** The presentation of persons of gay, lesbian, or bisexual orientation, or transgender identity, in instructional materials should not be significantly different from the portrayal of people of other sexual orientations and gender identities.

Support for a more inclusive portrayal and depiction of different groups can be connected to the California History Social Science Content Standards (1998) and the History Social Science Framework (2016). The chapter on Access and Equity in the History/Social Science Framework also identifies the importance of inclusive curriculum for LGBT students.

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](http://www.egusd.net) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

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