

OFFICE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Series 6000 – INSTRUCTION

Policy 6141.6

Multicultural Education

To foster intercultural understanding, communication, and respect in an increasingly diverse society, curriculum and instruction at all grade levels shall reflect the perspective and experiences of various cultural, ethnic, racial, and social groups. The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) desires that multicultural education be integrated across the curriculum into as many subjects as possible rather than providing isolated lessons on different cultures.

SCOE's comprehensive multicultural education program shall recognize the contributions of different groups of people to the history, life, and culture of the local community, California, the United States, and other nations. It may include but not be limited to instruction about the languages, cultural characteristics, significant events and individuals, and social, political, and economic conditions of various ethnic groups.

While recognizing the unique aspects of different cultures and peoples, multicultural education shall also emphasize commonalities and challenge the stereotypes and biases that inhibit intergroup understanding. Multicultural education also shall be designed to contribute to the personal development of students through greater self-understanding, positive self-concept, and pride in one's ethnic identity.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

60040 Portrayal of cultural and racial diversity

Policy Cross-Reference:

0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

5137 Positive School Climate

6115 Ceremonies and Observances

6141.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials