

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 412

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

February 19, 2015

An act to amend Section 51210 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 412, as introduced, Chávez. Pupil instruction: required courses of study.

Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, to include certain areas of study, including, among others, English, mathematics, social sciences, science, and visual and performing arts, as specified.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51210 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 51210. The adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive,
- 4 shall include instruction, beginning in grade 1 and continuing
- 5 through grade 6, in the following areas of study:
- 6 (a) English, including knowledge of, and appreciation for
- 7 literature and the language, as well as the skills of speaking,
- 8 reading, listening, spelling, handwriting, and composition.

- 1 (b) Mathematics, including concepts, operational skills, and
2 problem solving.
- 3 (c) Social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of
4 anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science,
5 psychology, and sociology, designed to fit the maturity of the
6 pupils. Instruction shall provide a foundation for understanding
7 the history, resources, development, and government of California
8 and the United States of America; the development of the American
9 economic ~~system~~ *system*, including the role of the entrepreneur
10 and labor; the relations of persons to their human and natural
11 environment; eastern and western cultures and civilizations;
12 contemporary issues; and the wise use of natural resources.
- 13 (d) Science, including the biological and physical aspects, with
14 emphasis on the processes of experimental inquiry and on the place
15 of humans in ecological systems.
- 16 (e) Visual and performing arts, including instruction in the
17 subjects of dance, music, ~~theatre~~, *theater*, and visual arts, aimed
18 at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of
19 creative expression.
- 20 (f) Health, including instruction in the principles and practices
21 of individual, family, and community health.
- 22 (g) Physical education, with emphasis upon the physical
23 activities for the pupils that may be conducive to health and vigor
24 of body and mind, for a total period of time of not less than 200
25 minutes each 10 schooldays, exclusive of recesses and the lunch
26 period.
- 27 (h) Other studies that may be prescribed by the governing board.