

Ethnic Studies

Davis Joint Unified School District

Board of Education
May 20, 2021



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Ethnic Studies Task Force

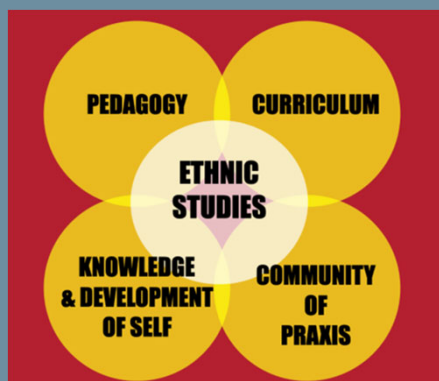
Date	Objective
January, 2020	Board of Education Launch
February, 2020	Framing and Community Norms
December, 2020	Re-launch, Centering Student Voice
January, 2021	Staff and Community Connections
February, 2021	Program Ideation and Visioning
March, 2021	Framing Ethnic Studies (Acosta Partners)
May, 2021	Definition & Reflections (Acosta Partners)



Defining Ethnic Studies

Focused on the study of four racial ethnic groups of color: Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina/o/x Americans, the field of Ethnic Studies explores the identities, institutional racism these groups have faced, their responses or resilience, and their diverse contributions to our multicultural society.





Professional Development 2020-21

1. UC Berkeley History-Social Studies Convening on Ethnic Studies
2. Dr. Christine Sleeter (Speaking Engagement)
3. DJUSD Teacher Ethnic Studies Planning Meeting
4. Ethnic Studies Institute - 5 Sessions (Acosta Partners)
5. University of San Francisco - Teaching K-12 Ethnic Studies
6. Dr. Christina Villarreal- Scholar Introduction to Ethnic Studies
7. DJUSD Documentary Viewing: "Precious Knowledge"
8. Parent Engagement Night with Acosta Partners
9. DJUSD Ethnic Studies Task Force - 6 Sessions

In Lak'ech

Mayan Philosophy

Tú eres mi otro yo / You are my other me.
 Si te hago daño a ti / If I do harm to you,
 Me hago daño a mí mismo / I do harm to myself;
 Si te amo y respeto / If I love and respect you,
 Me amo y respeto yo / I love and respect myself.

-Luis Valdez

Reflections

Task Force: *"My hope is that..."*

- *"DJUSD teachers learn the praxis, theory, and content of Ethnic Studies and use this lens in every interaction with our children."*
- *"Education becomes an experience for liberation."*
- *"Every student will be seen in their totality."*
- *"For a positive, productive, and collaborative journey for a long time to come."*
- Ethnic Studies is an *"institutional commitment"*

Confronting community truths
 Understanding community relationships
 Tension and urgency of the journey
 In Lak'ech

DJUSD Ethnic Studies Advisory

Purpose

- Review and contribute to the definition of Ethnic Studies for DJUSD
- Inform the Ethnic Studies program recommendation for Board adoption in fall 2021

Selection and Composition

- Membership of about fifteen (15) participants, including students, staff, and community
- Applications available between Thursday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 26
- Selection of Advisory members will be conducted by District staff
- Applicants will be considered based on how their knowledge, experience, or education would contribute to the work of the committee
- The duration of the work for this Advisory Committee will last until the recommendation to the Board in the fall of 2021



DJUSD Ethnic Studies Advisory Timeline

Date	Topic
June, 2021	Community Building and Ethnic Studies Foundations
July, 2021	Program Recommendation Discussion and Development
August, 2021	
September, 2021	
October, 2021	
November, 2021	Present Recommendation
2021-22	Program Planning
2022 - Ongoing	Program Implementation



To apply for the DJUSD Ethnic Studies Advisory:

Visit www.djUSD.net/instruction/programs/ethnic_studies
to complete the application

Contact instservices@djUSD.net for any questions