

ARTICLE XXV-A

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEES

1.0 Purpose: The purpose of this article is to identify specific instructional committees with the overall goal of improving the quality of instruction for students in the Los Angeles Unified School District. These committees shall be given specific tasks and objectives with parties' commitment to work in a collaborative manner to accomplish them.

2.0 Curricula: Teachers shall have the opportunity to give input into the curriculum and pedagogy including the incorporation of SEL.

3.0 LAUSD/UTLA District Assessment Committee: A joint District-UTLA committee shall meet at least four (4) times per year for the 2022-2025 school years. The committee shall be comprised of four (4) members from the District, four (4) members from UTLA, and four (4) parents (two (2) appointed by the District and two (2) appointed by UTLA). These positions should include representatives of elementary, secondary and special student populations. The committee shall be charged with reviewing the purpose of assessments, types of assessments and the evidence-based use of assessments in the instructional program. The district shall notify the committee of any and all new required assessments no less than ninety (90) days before any additional assessment is administered. Prior to the start of the next academic year, the district shall provide UTLA an inventory of all required assessments that will be administered in the coming academic year.

4.0 LAUSD-UTLA Ethnic Studies Committee:

a. The LAUSD-UTLA Ethnic Studies Committee: The LAUSD-UTLA Ethnic Studies Committee shall be comprised of members of the Division of Instruction, UTLA members, school site District administrators and community members. Five (5) members of the committee shall be appointed by UTLA and five (5) by the District. The committee shall function under the direction of the Division of Instruction and will meet a minimum of three (3) times per year. The Ethnic Studies Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Provide input on the implementation of the mandated course requirement of Ethnic Studies, including the definition of Ethnic Studies, Student learning outcomes, and a model course syllabi for courses in the fields of Ethnic Studies.
2. Provide input on the selection or design models or providers of professional development for new and current teachers of all disciplines Ethnic Studies. The goals of the professional development shall include but will not be limited to focus on

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pedagogical practices, content knowledge and be community responsive.

3. Provide input on the development or selection of curriculum and teaching materials to be purchased for Ethnic Studies including ethnic studies/multicultural literature, and culturally and community responsive pedagogy, and on-line programs or supplementary material.
4. Investigate methods for expanding Ethnic Studies course offerings that may include gender specific courses and sexual identity.
5. Provide input on the development and design of a joint university/district certificate and UTLA/LAUSD salary point credits for teachers of Ethnic Studies.

5.0 The parties agree to the creation of a joint UTLA/LAUSD task force with four (4) UTLA appointees and four (4) District appointees to improve District IT systems. This task force shall meet no less than three (3) times per school year and shall study and make recommendations on the following issues:

- a. Improving features in Schoology to more conveniently facilitate communication between families and educators.
- b. Improving the interface between Schoology and MiSiS (or equivalent) to streamline grading, attendance, and communication logs.
- c. Creating/modifying Independent Study compliance documentation to be more user-friendly and efficient, particularly regarding Records of Assignments and monthly attendance certification.
- d. Exploring online learning platforms and interfacing these platforms with Schoology.
- e. Potential technology needs and efficiencies for educators, students, and parents outside of UTK-12.