

Exploring Social Studies CALIFORNIA

and California Education Law

How does *Exploring Social Studies: California Edition* meet state requirements for instructional materials?

Exploring Social Studies: California Edition for Grades K–5 far exceeds expectations when it comes to adhering to state requirements regarding instructional materials. It is a full-year curriculum designed by educators for 100% alignment to the California History-Social Science Framework and Standards. In addition to specifically addressing California standards for history-social science, English language arts, and English language development, it is a research-based resource with readers, lessons, and primary sources. For details on how *Exploring Social Studies* complies with state requirements, see below and discover this integrated, innovative approach to content-area instruction!

- ✓ ***Exploring Social Studies: California Edition* can be used by local districts.** Provisions enacted in 2013 allow school districts to use instructional materials that have not been adopted by the State Board as long as the materials are aligned with state content standards. In addition, state law requires districts to ensure that a majority of the participants of any review process conducted at the local level are classroom teachers who are assigned to the subject area or grade level of the materials. Source: *Education Code* Section 60210 (added via Assembly Bill 1246 Brownley).
- ✓ ***Exploring Social Studies: California Edition* meets “Williams” sufficiency requirements for instructional materials.** The California *Education Code* states that sufficient textbooks or instructional materials means “each pupil, including English Learners, has a standards-aligned textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.” The provision specifically applies to four subject areas: reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science. *Exploring Social Studies* meets this requirement by providing both print and digital student-facing material for access by all students. Source: *Education Code* Section 60119(c)(1).
- ✓ ***Exploring Social Studies: California Edition* complies with all state requirements regarding content including:**
 - FAIR Education Act (Senate Bill 48 [2011]): Promoting respect for diversity, inclusion, and teamwork
 - 21st Century Skills (Assembly Bill 1246 [2012]): Adoption of Common Core standards in California classrooms
 - Financial Literacy (Assembly Bill 166 [2013]): Integration of Financial Literacy into California social studies curriculum
 - Filipino-American Contributions to the Farm Labor Movement (Assembly Bill 123 [2013]): Requires educators to teach about the influence of all major groups involved in the farmworker labor movement
 - Presidency of Barack Obama (Assembly Bill 1912 [2014]): Amends the California Education Code, mandating that social studies curriculum include the election of Barack Hussein Obama as an historic step in the effort toward equality in the United States
 - Voter Education (Senate Bill 897 [2014]): Ensures that voter education information is included in social studies curriculum and that historical documents are incorporated into the framework

