

§4706. Instruction in American history, African American studies, Maine studies, Wabanaki studies and the history of genocide

Instruction in American history, African American studies, government, citizenship, Maine studies and the history of genocide must be aligned with the parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements established under section 6209. [PL 2021, c. 247, §1 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 247, §3 (AFF).]

1. American history. American history, government and citizenship, including the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the importance of voting and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, must be taught in and required for graduation from all elementary and secondary schools, both public and private. African American studies must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the system of learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4. [PL 2021, c. 247, §1 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 247, §3 (AFF).]

2. Maine studies. Maine history, including the Constitution of Maine, Maine geography and environment and the natural, industrial and economic resources of Maine and Maine's cultural and ethnic heritage, must be taught. A required component of Maine studies is Wabanaki studies, and Wabanaki studies may be taught as a component of other content areas, as appropriate, including but not limited to the content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science and fine arts. Wabanaki studies and Maine African American studies must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4. Wabanaki studies must address the following topics:

A. Wabanaki governments and political systems and their relationship with local, state, national and international governments; [PL 2023, c. 537, §2 (AMD).]

B. Wabanaki cultural systems and the experience of tribal people throughout history; [PL 2023, c. 537, §2 (AMD).]

C. Wabanaki territories; and [PL 2023, c. 537, §2 (AMD).]

D. Wabanaki economic systems. [PL 2023, c. 537, §2 (AMD).]
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3. History of genocide. The history of genocide, including the Holocaust, must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the system of learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4. [PL 2021, c. 247, §1 (NEW); PL 2021, c. 247, §3 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

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