

Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement

“The Chicano heritage and Native American units stood out to me, though mainly the Chicano one because I got to experience and talk about my dad’s side of the family. I live with my white mom and don’t get to talk about my intersectionality. So that really mattered to me”
- SRCS student.

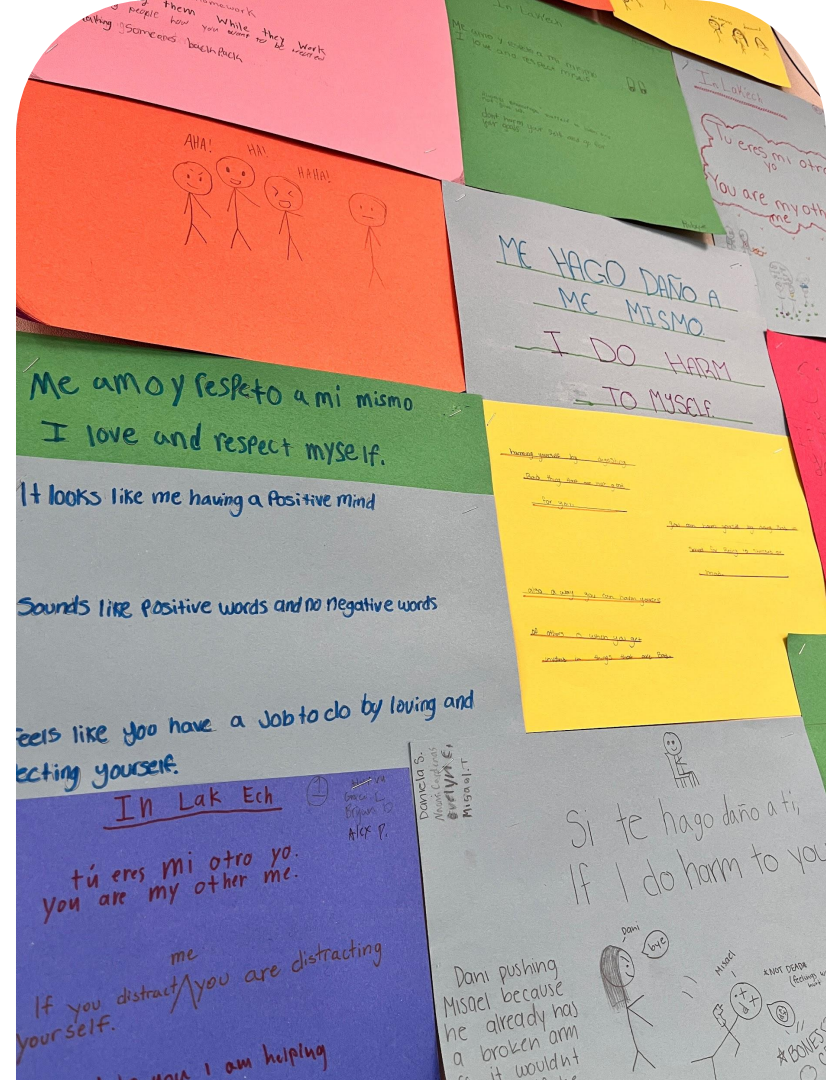


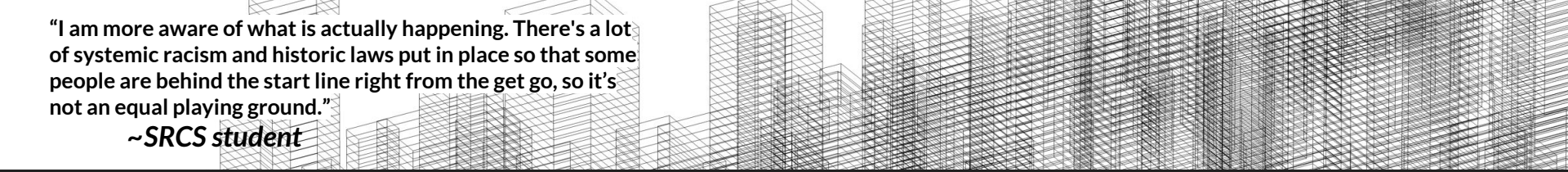
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Mission Statement

The mission for Ethnic Studies in Santa Rosa City Schools is to provide a transformative education that empowers students to critically examine the contributions and experiences of colonially and institutionally underserved communities. Students will consciously and intentionally develop their understanding of community assets and cultural wealth to become agents of positive change who promote equity, empathy, and social justice in society.

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“I am more aware of what is actually happening. There's a lot of systemic racism and historic laws put in place so that some people are behind the start line right from the get go, so it's not an equal playing ground.”

~SRCS student

Recommendations for Ethnic Studies in SRCS

- Create a waiver for the Ethnic Studies graduation requirement for the class of 2025 and the class of 2026. The waiver will sunset after the graduation of the class of 2026. The class of 2027 and beyond will have no waiver for the Ethnic Studies graduation requirement. It will be emphasized that the waiver only be used if absolutely necessary.
- Clarify that students must pass, and not just take, an Ethnic Studies course
- Include language that explicitly identifies dual and concurrent enrollment as another supportive option for students
- Add language to allow the middle school elective course to count towards the graduation requirement



“We are learning new things about ourselves, and the more we learn about ourselves, the more there is to love.”

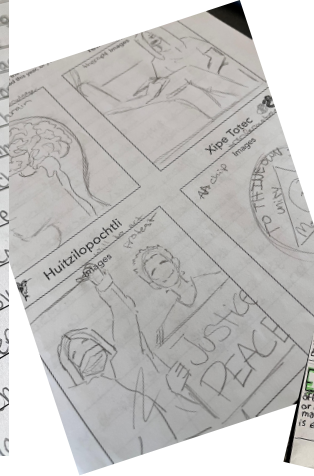
~SRCS Student

Recommendations for Ethnic Studies in SRCS

- Revise the current Ethnic Studies graduation requirement in Board Policy 6146.1 which reads:
 - Beginning with the class of 2025, a single two-semester course or two semesters (10 credits) of any a-g offerings in Ethnic Studies developed pursuant to Education Code 51226.7. Any Ethnic Studies course taken must meet a UC/CSU a-g course requirement and shall also accrue credit for coursework in the subject that course is offered.
- Revised suggestion for the graduation requirement:
 - “Beginning with the class of 2025, successful completion of a single two-semester course or two semesters (10 credits) of any a-g offerings in Ethnic Studies, including courses offered through dual or concurrent enrollment. Any Ethnic Studies course taken shall meet a UC/CSU a-g course requirement and shall also accrue credit for coursework in the subject that course is offered. Completion of the middle school Ethnic Studies elective course with a grade of ‘C’ or better prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the graduation requirement, though high school credits will not be awarded.”

Questions? Thank you!

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⚠️ CULTURAL ⚠️

appropriation

And why it is bad in society

Definition: the unacknowledged or inappropriate adoption of the customs, practices, ideas, etc. of one culture or society by members of another person who is mostly famous in the dominant culture.

We are not a TREND
Culture is more than a TREND
STEREOTYPE
Stop Appropriating CULTURE
CULTURAL APPROPRIATION!

Examples in daily life: When people who are not a part of that culture dress as a stereotype or something with significant meaning usually these types of "costumes" are worn to parties or for fun when in reality they have cultural meaning / backstory.

Examples in entertainment: When popular celebrities like Katy Perry, Selena Gomez, and others look to certain stereotypes or cultures that are not their own is an example of cultural appropriation.

Examples in Sports: When sports teams have or commission their players to wear a person's traditions are, spiritual or cultural appropriation. It is an extremely offensive and disrespectful to the person whose traditions are being used.

