



DATE: March 19, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: First Read of Proposed High School Course for School Year 2025-2026,
Ethnic Studies at Truckee High School

PRESENTED BY: Mrs. Shaun Roderick, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Information only - First read of the new high school course for the school year 2025-2026, Ethnic Studies course at Truckee High School.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The ethnic studies course at Truckee High School aims to provide all students with a more complete and nuanced understanding of our local and national history by centering the experiences of diverse communities, including the Washoe Tribe, Chinese Americans, Black/African Americans, and Latinx populations. Students will explore the complex histories of these groups, including their contributions, challenges, and resilience in the face of historical and ongoing systemic inequities. By fostering critical thinking, empathy, and an understanding of diverse perspectives, this course will empower students to become informed, engaged, and culturally responsive citizens prepared to contribute to a more inclusive and just Tahoe Truckee community and beyond.

This unit of study will focus on four themes: identity, history and movement, systems of power and social movements, and equity. We will establish protocols to address past treatment, present power, and future changes related to each student's individual culture. This will enhance students' awareness of ethnic content not typically studied in depth in a core Historical Social Science course. Students will cultivate empathy, community actualization, cultural perpetuity, self-worth, self-determination, and holistic well-being for all participants.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

PREPARED BY: Shaun Roderick, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Attached: Truckee High School Course Description Ethnic Studies