



# Required Instruction Planning and Reporting 6A-1.094124, F.A.C.

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# Importance of the Amended Rule

- Florida has and will continue to foster an environment that allows every student to think critically and for themselves
- It's imperative that we teach students **HOW** to think, not **WHAT** to think
- It's important that students are provided a well-rounded, world-class education that exposes them to multiple viewpoints and perspectives on a litany of topics so they can develop their own critical thinking skills
- The amended rule will protect students from being influenced or indoctrinated to think a certain way
- The classroom is not an appropriate place for any adult to espouse their personal beliefs and ideologies
- All instruction must be consistent with the standards

## Amended Rule

- Provides school districts and all members of instructional staff with bright line clarification concerning teaching the required subjects listed in s. 1003.42(2), F.S.
- Continues to ensure that content provided to students is properly aligned to state standards
- Ensures our students receive classroom instruction that is both factual and objective and that significant historical events are not intentionally or unintentionally distorted
- Helps guarantee that teachers continue to serve as facilitators of classroom discussion in a manner that is consistent with our state standards to ensure that students are not pressured into thinking a certain way

## Background

- Standards-based education began in Florida in 1996
- Since then, there have been revisions to our standards and what we expect our students to know and learn
- Standards are student-centered expectations from which all curriculum, instruction and assessments are based
- Florida's education standards are publicly developed standards, created by teachers and education experts, developed in the public eye, with public input and adopted publicly by your Board
- Different topics included within the required instruction statute (s. 1003.42, F.S.) are reflected in Florida's standards

# Required Instruction Planning and Reporting

- Required instruction is not a new concept
- Districts must annually submit a report documenting instruction provided to students in grades K-12 related to their implementation of the required instruction statute
- In order to effectively meet the requirements of the required instruction statute, districts must ensure that educators are implementing the standards efficiently and faithfully by utilizing books and materials that meet the highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy
- This rule helps clarify what efficient and faithful teaching is in respect to the required instruction topics

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