

ETHNIC STUDIES MOTION ~ 2 OF 2

COMPREHENSIVE ETHNIC STUDIES COURSES

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MOTION: I move that the Texas SBOE instruct TEA staff to present Ethnic Studies courses that have been approved through the Commissioner's Innovative Course process for discussion and consideration for inclusion in the TEKS.

TEA shall bring forward only comprehensive Ethnic Studies courses in Native American Studies, Latino Studies, African American Studies, and/or Asian Pacific Islander Studies - inclusive of history, government, economics, civic engagement, culture, and science and technology.

The Chair of the Committee on Instruction, in accordance with Texas SBOE Operating Rule 2.5(b), shall collaborate with the Board Chair to place the item on the next available Committee on Instruction agenda, following Commissioner approval.

Rationale: This motion brings Ethnic Studies courses to the attention of SBOE members, creating instruction to staff which currently does not exist.

Discussion and possible consideration of fast-tracking Ethnic Studies courses allows for consistency as defined by the previous MAS course approval.

This fast-tracking method to Texas SBOE approval is the most fiscally and academically responsible method.