

Citizenship and Civic Learning

WHEREAS: It is the goal of the Elk Grove Unified School District to prepare all of our students for college, career and civic life to be model citizens who contribute to the sixth most powerful economy in the world –that being California;

WHEREAS: Schools are a critical place for students to develop the civic knowledge, skills and values needed to effectively participate in our democracy by having classroom instruction in government, history, law and democracy; discussion of current events; service-learning; extra-curricular or co-curricular activities; student voice in school governance; and simulations of democratic processes;

WHEREAS: Based on the District’s Graduate Profile, students who engage in the community and participate in civic action gain knowledge about school, local and global issues and are prepared to succeed in college, career and life; and the success of our Nation and State depends on educated, informed and engaged citizens and residents;

WHEREAS: The education system has a major role in ensuring students have equitable access to learning to participate in our democracy. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) recognizes the necessity of investing in the reduction and ultimate removal of inequitable outcomes. Revitalizing civic learning opportunities in an equitable manner can contribute to meeting these goals.

WHEREAS: We have much to gain by continued support of civic learning. In addition to the chief benefits of a vibrant and informed civic life and democracy, high quality civic learning also helps teach children the skills they need for the 21st century workplace, such as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, initiative, and innovation.

WHEREAS: Resources are available to assist schools and teachers with continued civic learning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of Elk Grove Unified School District requests that the Superintendent and staff continue implementing plans for developing the civic literacy of all its students and that the Elk Grove Unified School District will lead by example on what good participatory citizenship looks like by actively reaching out to our constituents, including students; carefully considering the needs and wishes of parents and students; thoroughly deliberating issues that come before us, working collaboratively, and appropriately delegating and supporting the Superintendent of Schools in carrying out the vision of the District so that the students’ interests are best served.

Date

Christopher R. Hoffman
Secretary to the Board of Education