

MN ASSOCIATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS – NEW LAW PRIMER 2023

CURRICULUMS

NEW: EMPLOYMENT IN HEALTH CARE CREDIT – (MN 124D.475)

ELIGIBILITY - Students in **grades 11 or 12** employed in any of the following institutions:

- Long-term care or licensed assisted living facility, or Home and community-based services and supports provider, or Hospital or health system clinic, or Childcare center.

CREDITS

- Granting of credit at the discretion of the school district or charter school
- Up to 2 elective credits at the school district or charter school
- 1 credit for every 350 hours worked, including summer hours

APPLICATION

- Student submits application to school district or charter school

SCHOOL DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

- **Adopt policy and procedures** for granting elective credit
- **Verify hours worked** with employer before granting elective credit

EFFECTIVE DATE – 2023 -2024 SCHOOL YEAR

NEW: ETHNIC STUDIES – (MN STATUTES 120B.251)

LEGAL DEFINITION

"**Ethnic studies**" means the interdisciplinary study of race, ethnicity, and indigeneity with a focus on the experiences and perspectives of people of color within and beyond the United States. Ethnic studies analyzes the ways in which race and racism have been and continue to be social, cultural, and political forces, and the connection of race to the stratification of other groups, including stratification based on the protected classes.

REQUIREMENTS

1. High Schools **MUST offer an ethnic study course starting in 2026-27 school year.**
2. Ethnic studies courses may **fulfill credit in social studies, language arts, arts, math, or science** if the course meets the applicable state standards. It may fulfill **elective credit** if it meets local academic standards and requirements.

3. **Elementary and middle schools** must provide ethnic studies instruction by the **2027-28 school year** in accordance with state standards.
4. An ethnic studies course **may focus** on a **particular group of national or ethnic origin**.

NEW: HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE STUDIES – (MN STATUTES 120B.251)

LEGAL DEFINITION

"**Holocaust and genocide studies**" means interdisciplinary teaching and learning about the causes, impacts, and legacies of the Holocaust, other genocides, and incidents of mass violence.

REQUIREMENTS

- **Middle and High Schools must** offer education on the Holocaust, genocide of Indigenous Peoples, and other genocides **as part of social studies curriculum by the 2026-27 school year**.
- Curriculum must follow a list of specific examinations and analysis described in the statute.
- Schools are **strongly encouraged** to include this in **English language arts curriculum** AND include context about impacted communities in **middle and high school social studies curriculum**.

EFFECTIVE DATE - JULY 1, 2023