

From: Rabbi Menachem Levine
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 3:52 PM
To: Ethnic Studies
Cc: 'Rabbi Menachem Levine'
Subject: Anti-Semitism in California Public Schools **Importance:** High

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a rabbi of hundreds of San Jose, California and a community leader who works with many leaders in Silicon Valley. I am attaching my comments about the implementation of your proposed Ethnic Studies in California's public schools.

The proposed curriculum does not feature a single lesson about the Jewish community, mentioning Jews only in passing. With antisemitism rising and ignorance about the Jewish people still a major problem in our society, the exclusion of Jews from this curriculum is deeply disappointing.

On the contrary, it only spreads anti-Semitism and ignores the Jewish Community.

I spoke about this in San Jose's City Hall earlier this year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-p-TYjJ684&list=PLNbji-Ol2Nd8JaJZHgkmXixyl1pL2mi9t>

If you implement this horrific curriculum I WILL join others in publicizing locally and nationally your propaganda.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Menachem Levine
Congregation Am Echad

Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum May 2019 Draft

(Download and use to provide specific recommendations)

Include the chapter of the model curriculum, the page number, and line number(s) to ensure that the California Department of Education and Instructional Quality Commission can reference the content of the document when reviewing your comments. Please email this document as a Word document to ethnicstudies@cde.ca.gov. You may contact Kenneth McDonald, Education Programs Consultant, at kmcdonal@cde.ca.gov with any questions regarding this template or the public input process.

Chapter of Model Curriculum	Your Name and Affiliation	Comment (include page and line numbers where applicable)
Page 2 of Glossary and Bibliography	Rabbi Menachem Levine, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Am Echad	False definition and narrative of BDS. It was founded and run by anti-Semites who want to DESTROY Israel and bullies Jews around the world.
pages 234, 237, 242, 256, and 264-269 of Sample Course Models	Rabbi Menachem Levine, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Am Echad	Promotes hate and division.
	Rabbi Menachem Levine, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Am Echad	You should add lessons about American Jews as an ethnic group, including those who fled the Holocaust, oppression in the Middle East, and discrimination in the former Soviet Union. Personally, as a grandson of four Holocaust survivors who has spoken in California public schools. I am horrified by the direction of your curriculum. Both the BDS aspect as well as what you leave out.