



## **Let's Talk About It Ethnic Studies: Facts, Fictions, Fears**

**Shana Hazan**  
**San Diego Unified School District trustee**

General: <https://www.sdusdethnicstudies.org/>

List of courses: <https://www.sdusdethnicstudies.org/courses>

Reviews all ethnic studies courses: [https://www.sandiegounified.org/a-to-z\\_index/interdivisional\\_curriculum\\_committee](https://www.sandiegounified.org/a-to-z_index/interdivisional_curriculum_committee)

Steps to resolution:

- Classroom teacher (often they may not realize material might be offensive)
- Principal or site administrator (next step if issue not resolved with teacher)
- File a report with Office of Investigations, Compliance and Accountability

Link to file report:

[https://www.sandiegounified.org/student\\_hub/report\\_a\\_concern#:~:text=To%20report%20suspicious%20activity%20or,email%20dispatch%40sandi.net.&text=San%20Diego%20Unified%20is%20committed,learning%20environment%20for%20all%20students](https://www.sandiegounified.org/student_hub/report_a_concern#:~:text=To%20report%20suspicious%20activity%20or,email%20dispatch%40sandi.net.&text=San%20Diego%20Unified%20is%20committed,learning%20environment%20for%20all%20students)

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**Sara Brown, Ph.D.**  
**Regional Director of San Diego's American Jewish Committee**

General: <https://www.ajc.org/sandiego>

San Diego AJC education committee work: <https://www.ajc.org/news/ajc-san-diego-gets-to-work-introducing-the-education-committee>

Educator resources through the County Office of Education:

<https://www.sdcoe.net/about-sdcoe/news/post/~board/news/post/guide-to-observing-jewish-american-heritage-month>

AJC toolkit for parents:

<https://www.ajc.org/ConfrontingAntisemitismToolkitParents>

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**Nicole Bernstein**  
**PeerK12 co-founder**

General: <https://www.peerk12.org/>

Learn more about how you can join us in our efforts:

<https://www.peerk12.org/resources/ethnic-studies>

Toolkit: <https://www.peerk12.org/action>

Support PeerK12's work to have each San Diego County school district pass a resolution that defines antisemitism according to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition

Bernstein op-ed in March 2025 L'Chaim magazine:

<https://www.lchaimmagazine.com/the-ethnic-studies-battlegrounds-political-ideology-teacher-unions-and-a-divided-jewish-community/>

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**Tammi Rossman-Benjamin**  
**AMCHA Initiative co-founder and director**

General: <https://amchainitiative.org/>

Track bias by university: <https://amchainitiative.org/search-by-university#university/name2/>

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin op-ed:

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2023/05/17/halting-californias-runaway-liberated-ethnic-studies-train/>

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin op-ed: <https://edsources.org/2023/the-legislature-can-and-should-pull-the-plug-on-ethnic-studies/686530>

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin webinar on the history of ethnic studies:

<https://amchainitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/ISCA-Talk-Script-3.26.23.pdf>

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## Other resources

1. **California Dept. of Education:** If a person believes that a school district's curricular decisions cause discrimination based on a protected characteristic, they can file a complaint with CDE through the Uniform Complaint Procedures process -  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc/index.asp>
2. **Text of Assembly Bill AB101:**  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB101](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB101)
3. **Text of Assembly Bill AB1468:**  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1468](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1468)
  - a. AB1468 fact sheet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dcpxthg4n9zo1a2Qle5SSKoDWpfCcb0/view> --
  - b. Senator Josh Becker statement supporting AB1468:  
<https://sd13.senate.ca.gov/news/press-release/february-24-2025/state-legislators-introduce-bill-to-create-curriculum-standards>
  - c. Assemblymember Dawn Addis's Op-Ed:  
<https://jweekly.com/2025/03/18/as-california-legislators-we-must-create-clear-standards-for-ethnic-studies/>
  - d. EdSource review of AB1468: <https://edsources.org/2025/renewed-push-to-reshape-ethnic-studies-with-oversight-with-new-standards/728155>
  - e. Israeli-American Civic Action Network opposition of AB1468:  
<https://icanaction.org/briefings/policy-brief-of-california-assembly-bill-ab-1468-ethnic-studies-2025/>
4. **Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum:**  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/documents/ethnicstudiescurriculum.pdf>
5. **Court ruling** against Santa Ana Unified School District for violations of Calif.'s open meetings Brown Act:  
[https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/2023-09/Filed\\_Petition\\_Santa\\_Anna\\_Unified\\_School\\_District\\_%20September\\_2023.pdf](https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/2023-09/Filed_Petition_Santa_Anna_Unified_School_District_%20September_2023.pdf)

- a. Marsha Sutton op-ed on the relevance of the Santa Ana decision:  
<https://timesofsandiego.com/opinion/2025/02/27/a-ruling-against-santa-anas-biased-ethnic-studies-puts-other-ca-schools-on-notice/>

**6. Contact state legislators:**

- a. Urge support for or opposition to AB1468
- b. Regarding lack of funding, urge to pause or continue ethnic studies mandate
- c. Express general concerns over possible discriminatory curricular content
- d. Other concerns

**7. Contact local school district trustees and superintendents:**

- a. Regarding lack of funding, urge to pause or continue ethnic studies mandate
- b. Express general concerns over possible discriminatory curricular content
- c. Remind about need for transparency, citing the Santa Ana ruling
- d. Other concerns

**8. JPAC Capitol Summit Conference** in Sacramento May 5-6, 2025

<https://jpac-cal.org/capitol-summit/>

- a. Proposed ethnic studies legislation is one of the key issues that attendees will be talking about with legislators