**Required Instruction Planning and Reporting – State Board Rule Amendment**
**Approved by Florida State Board of Education**
**June 10, 2021**

In adherence to the State Board of Education amendment to State Board Rule 6A-1.094124, the School Board of Lake County has revised its policy, po2215, Program of Instruction, to comply with the Rule to ensure that the teaching of Critical Race Theory ("CRT") does not occur in any Lake County classrooms. Further, CRT is not and will not be part of the District curriculum nor the teaching and learning framework. All instructional personnel will follow Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards and the curriculum requirements set forth in F.S. 1006.31 and F.S. 1003.42.

Specifically, all instructional personnel will adhere to the following FLDOE and school district guidance:

A. Efficiently and faithfully teach the required topics consistent with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T) Standards.

B. Instruction on the required topics must be factual and objective, and may not suppress or distort significant historical events, such as the Holocaust, and may not define American history as something other than the creation of a new nation based largely on universal principles stated in the Declaration of Independence. Instruction must include the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments.

C. Efficient and faithful teaching further means that any discussion is appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students, and teachers serve as facilitators for student discussion and do not share their personal political, social or religious views or attempt to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view that is inconsistent with the Next Generation State Standards and the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T) Standards.

D. Instruction may not utilize materials from the 1619 Project.

E. Instructional materials and resources including anything placed on classroom walls must meet the highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy, and must be aligned to the prescribed course of study and standards being taught at the time using approved methods of instruction as specified in F.S. 1003.42.

F. During the contracted day and/or when acting in the role of a school district employee, school board employees may not wear or display any words or symbols which promote their personal political views.

Violations of items A - F above and the resulting Board policy by a teacher, administrator or other employee of Lake County Schools will result in employee discipline as defined within the LCEA Contract, Article VIII.

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