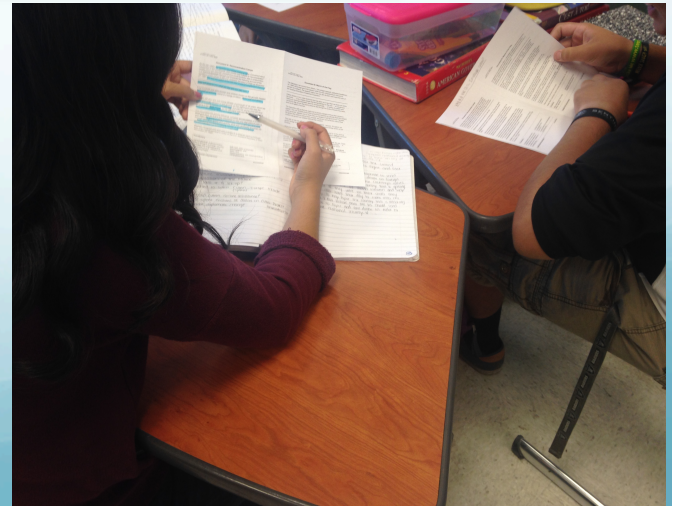
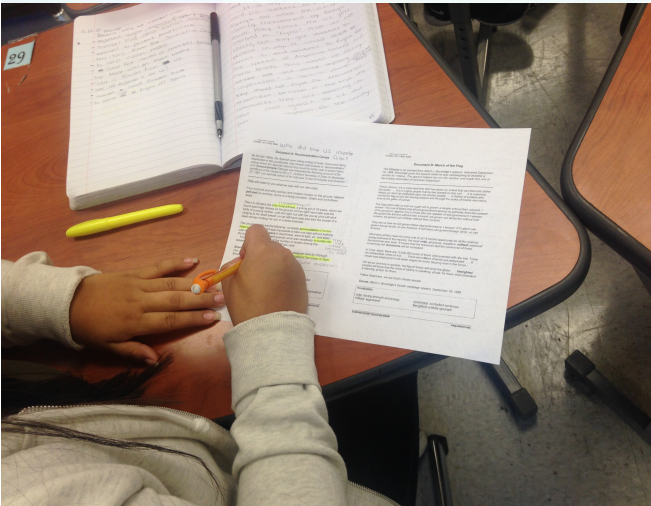




Ethnic Studies Implementation Update



Background

- On November 2014, Board Resolution 023-14/15 approved having a one semester Ethnic Studies course as a graduation requirement for the Class of 2019
- In response, the Division of Instruction (then OCISS) formed an Ethnic Studies Committee to report to the Superintendent and Board

Ethnic Studies Committee

Met five times through the end of the 2014-2015 school year

Established a definition of Ethnic Studies and guiding principles for the creation of the course

Tasked the Division of Instruction to develop an Ethnic Studies survey course and revise existing six Ethnic Studies-aligned courses

Status of Ethnic Studies

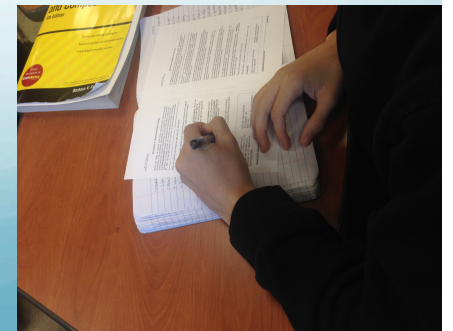
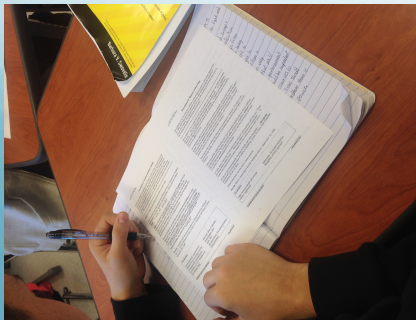
- Six existing Ethnic Studies-titled courses include:
 - African American History Mexican American Studies, American Indian Studies
 - Asian Literature, African American Literature, Mexican American Literature
- Approximately 40 high schools currently offer one or more sections of Ethnic Studies-titled courses



Accomplishments to Date

- Developed, submitted and gained approval for the one semester Ethnic Studies survey course as a “G” elective with an “A” (Social Studies) emphasis
- Revised the three History/Social Studies-aligned courses
- Descriptions for these courses are posted on the Division of Instruction website for feedback at:

<http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/5106>



Next Steps

1. Revise the three English Language Arts-aligned Ethnic Studies courses
2. Collaborate with Human Relations to develop a required professional development series for teachers of Ethnic Studies
3. Develop a strategic plan for implementation of Ethnic Studies district-wide

