

**11/20/23 - Technical corrections/revisions for EQS Committee  
Consideration (inclusion of statutory reference)**

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Approved Draft, May 23, 2023 (annotated text):**

19. “Ethnic Group” means a group whose members identify with each other based on certain criteria, including a common history, ancestry or culture, religion, nationality, social or geographic origin, skin color, language, and experiences of discrimination and social exclusion, persecution, or other inhuman treatment.

20. “Ethnic Studies” means interdisciplinary, age appropriate and grade-appropriate curricula and programs dedicated to the historical and contemporary study of race, ethnicity, and indigenous peoples (including the Indigenous People of Vermont). This requires a critical examination of the experiences and perspectives of racial and ethnic groups and indigenous peoples that have suffered systemic oppression, marginalization, discrimination, persecution, and genocide within and outside the United States. “Ethnic Studies” may involve a critical examination of these experiences and perspectives through the lens of the characteristics of social identity groups.

39. “Social Identity Group” means a group of people who share common characteristics that shape their identity and promote a sense of unity, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, disability, class, socio-economic status, or other characteristics that are fundamental to identity.

**Technical corrections/revisions for consideration by the EQS Committee:**

16. “Ethnic Group” means nondominant racial groups referenced in **////STATUTORY REFERENCE (Act 1 of 2019, Section 1 (b) (1))** and other groups that have been historically subject to persecution or genocide; including members who identify with each other based on certain criteria, including a common history; ancestry or culture; religion, national, social or geographic origin; skin color; language; and experiences of discrimination and social exclusion, persecution, or other inhuman treatment.

17. “Ethnic Studies” means the instruction of students in prekindergarten through grade 12 in the historical contributions and perspectives of ethnic groups and social groups **////STATUTORY REFERENCE (Act 1 of 2019, Section 1 (b) (2))**. This includes interdisciplinary, age appropriate and grade-appropriate curricula and programs dedicated to the historical and contemporary study of race, ethnicity, and indigenous peoples (including the Indigenous People of Vermont). This requires a critical examination of the experiences and perspectives of racial and ethnic groups and indigenous peoples

that have suffered systemic oppression, marginalization, discrimination, persecution and genocide within and outside the United States. “Ethnic Studies” may involve a critical examination of these experiences and perspectives through the lens of the characteristics of social identity groups.

33. “Social ~~Identity~~ Group” means the groups of people identified in **///STATUTORY REFERENCE (Act 1 of 2019, Section 1 (b) (3))**. A social group also includes social identity groups of people who share common characteristics that shape their identity and promote a sense of unity, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, disability, class, socio-economic status, or other characteristics that are fundamental to identity.