

Georgia Students Deserve Access to AP African American Studies

How to Push for AP African American Studies

It is crucial that students, parents and educators to take concerted action to ensure that this valuable course is offered. Here's how each group can contribute to this effort.

Students



Organize and Advocate

Form student groups or clubs focused on advocating the inclusion of AP African American Studies in the course catalogue. Organize petitions, host informational sessions, and engage with local media to raise awareness about the importance of the course. See our infographic, 5 Tips for Organizing Student-Led Ethnic Studies Group: <https://idra.news/5TipsEthnicStudies>.



Communicate Directly

Reach out to school administrators, district leaders and state education officials to express your interest in the course and the impact its absence will have on your academic and future goals. Be sure to share personal stories and experiences to underscore your points.



Engage with Community Leaders

Seek support from local community leaders and organizations that can amplify your voice and lend credibility to your cause.

By working together and leveraging these resources, we can ensure that all students have access to a curriculum that reflects their diverse experiences and prepares them for future success.

Find more ways to connect with us and more resources on the IDRA SEEN website www.idraseen.org.

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Parents, Guardians and Caretakers



Support and Advocate

Advocate the adoption of AP African American Studies by attending school board meetings and voicing your support. Contact your local and state education representatives to urge them to include the course in the state catalog. Your board member district is the same as your federal congressional district. Find a map and contact information for your school board member here:

<https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education>.



Publicize and Gather Support

Inform and mobilize other parents and community members to join your efforts. Join with others in our coalition--the Georgia Coalition for Education Justice--to work together toward getting the course included in the curriculum.

Educators



Build Awareness

Inform your colleagues and school leadership about the importance of AP African American Studies. Provide them with data and research showing the benefits of diverse and culturally-sustaining curricula.



Advocate at the District Level

Work with school district leaders to advocate the inclusion of AP African American Studies in the course catalog. Share your observations and experiences about how such a course could benefit students.



Partner with Organizations

Partner with organizations like IDRA that are committed to promoting cultural and ethnic studies. IDRA provides valuable resources for integrating cultural and ethnic studies into school curricula, which can be found on our Cultural and Ethnic Studies webpage: <https://www.idra.org/services/cultural-and-ethnic-studies>.