

Critical Race Theory and Studies Weekly

Critical Race Theory, also known as CRT, describes a legacy of discrimination and racism in American history.

According to Stephen Sawchuk in a [May 2021 EdWeek article](#), CRT states that “racism is a social construct not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies.”

While CRT is not a curriculum or program, school boards across the nation have experienced protests for and against the theory. Educators may feel caught in the middle of this debate and wonder if their curriculum will address Critical Race Theory.

Studies Weekly does not take a stance regarding what should or should not be included in your curriculum. We leave those decisions up to your Department of Education. If your state’s Department of Education adds Critical Race Theory components into its standards, then Studies Weekly will update your curriculum in the next edition. Our goal is to continue providing accurate and engaging science, social studies, and well-being curriculum that is fully aligned to your state’s standards.

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