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Principals and Other School and School District Administrators and Personnel  
California High Schools and School Districts Offering the CSU ERWC

Subject: Third Edition of the CSU Expository Reading and Writing Course

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for offering the California State University's (CSU) Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC) at your school and school district. I am writing today to update you on exciting course developments and to provide important reminders about course requirements. Please share this information with your English department faculty, literacy coaches, counseling staff, assistant principals, and others, including district office personnel as appropriate.

In June 2019 the CSU will release the third edition of the ERWC for grades eleven and twelve. You have several choices regarding the implementation of ERWC in school year 2019-2020:

- Your school may choose to offer the new edition of the course in grade eleven, grade twelve, or both grades.
- Or your school may choose to continue offering the second edition of the course in grade twelve for one remaining year.
- Beginning fall 2020, all schools offering the ERWC in grade twelve must offer the third edition of the course.

Approved by the University of California as a B English course in both grades, the third edition includes many new and revised modules in the following categories:

- Issue
- Full-length book
- Drama
- Foundational document
- Rhetorical concepts or strategies (mini-modules)

Schools select modules from these categories to create a cohesive yearlong curriculum. Designed to address all California English Language Arts/Literacy Standards, the curriculum incorporates literature and informational text and a wide range of activities to support students in becoming expert learners using an inquiry-based, rhetorical approach. In addition, at least four modules per grade have been developed at grades nine through twelve to include both integrated and designated English language development (ELD) based on the California ELD Standards.

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We recommend the following as **next steps**:

- To learn more about the new edition, you and your teachers may
  - Attend the 2019 ERWC Leadership Conference (June 17, 2019, in Sacramento or June 25, 2019, in Costa Mesa); registration opens on March 20, 2019 at <http://writing.csusuccess.org>
  - Attend an ERWC Update session offered in your region this spring or summer
  - Contact your local CSU Early Assessment Program coordinator and/or your ERWC regional county office of education lead for more information and support
  - Consult the ERWC Online Community (<http://writing.csusuccess.org>) for meeting announcements and additional information
- Determine which edition you plan to offer in 2019-2020
- Upload the appropriate course(s) into the University of California's A-G Course Management Portal during the course submission period, February 1-September 15, 2019, using the CSU's Program Status
- Apply to the CSU to adopt the course for grade eleven as appropriate. You do not need to re-apply for the course at grade twelve. Visit <http://writing.csusuccess.org/> for adoption application forms.

**Other tips** for implementing the third edition:

- High school English teachers are certified to teach ERWC by attending 24 hours of professional learning. However, teachers **do not** need to be re-certified to teach the third edition of the course. Currently certified teachers are encouraged to attend a two-day ERWC Update session offered by your local county region.
- Because the third edition of the course offers 20 or more modules per grade, schools need to select the modules they plan to teach and purchase any full-length books.
- Student readers for the second edition of the course can be purchased using the current method. See <http://writing.csusuccess.org/>. Student readers for the third edition will be available through a third-party vendor or may be duplicated locally.
- Schools must report ERWC course enrollments in CALPADS using Course Code 2118. Please contact your data management staff in your school district office to determine if your course enrollments are being reported correctly.
- The official course name is CSU Expository Reading and Writing; the transcript abbreviation is CSU ERWC. The course is not currently approved by the CSU to be taught online; online courses offered by private vendors (e.g., Edgenuity) are not approved by the CSU.

Thank you again for supporting the academic preparation of your students by offering the ERWC.

Sincerely,



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