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# Position Statement on Providing Instructional Time for High Quality Science

## ISSUE

[Education Code 51210](#) requires science instruction in and throughout grades one through six. A serious concern exists that science will continue to be marginalized at the elementary levels as demonstrated by past experiences. The newly adopted [California Next Generation Science Standards](#) recommend science in grades K-12 for all students every year. The [California Curriculum Framework](#) will cover TK-12.

## POSITION STATEMENT

The State of California must ensure *all* students access high quality science education as part of a full and broad, core curriculum. CSTA recommends instructional time for science commensurate with other core subjects. It is incumbent that the State Board of Education implement policies that insure high quality science instruction will take place for all children at all grade levels, especially the elementary level (TK-5).