
D181 Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Update

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Why did we change the curriculum?

The new standards are based on the National Council for the Social Studies C3 Framework (College, Career and Civic Ready)

The state developed and worked on standards during the 2014-15 school year

CCSD aligned with those during the 2016-2017 school to be ready for the required start year of 2017-18

What's New from 3C for us?

The state standards are divided amongst the following:

Disciplinary Concepts - Civics, Economics, Geography, and History

Inquiry Skills

The desired outcome of the new standards is to do the following:

Create informed and involved citizens (YAY!)

Help students be college and career ready (YAY!)

How did this affect 181?

We have written a new local curriculum (3C plus local standards)

Some traditional units have either been eliminated or moved to a new grade level

We created pacing guides for each unit with resources, lesson ideas, etc that fit in the time frame

Each grade level will incorporate inquiries next school year

What's New K-5?

Each grade level K - 5 has a specific theme:

Kindergarten: My Social World

First Grade: Living, Learning, and Working Together

Second Grade: Families, Neighborhoods, and Communities

Third Grade: Communities Near and Far

Fourth Grade: Our State, Our Nation (Region)

Fifth Grade: Our Nation, Our World

6th Grade

(History, Geography, and Inquiry Standards)

The overall focus of 6th grade Social Studies is *Innovation and Advancement*.

- Geography
- Archeology
- Development of Farming/Civilizations
- Mesopotamia
- Contributions of the East
- Ancient Greece and Rome
- Medieval Times/Middle Ages
- Renaissance and Reformation
- Exploration

7th Grade (History, Civic, and Inquiry Standards)

The overall focus of 7th grade Social Studies is the *Foundations of Government*.

- Foundations of Government (types)
- Age of Reason/Enlightenment
- Revolutions (US, French, Russian, Chinese Cultural, Peaceful, Modern)
- U.S. Constitution
- Nation Building/Expansion
- Civil War
- Reconstruction

8th Grade

(History, Economic and Inquiry Standards)

The overall focus of 8th grade Social Studies is the American Identity.

- America at the turn of the 20th Century (Urbanization, Industrialization, Immigration)
- Financial Literacy Unit
- The Nation Booms and Busts (WWI, Roaring 20s, The Great Depression)
- Who has America become post World War II (Cold War, Vietnam, Civil Rights, Modern Era, and Current US and Global Issues)