

Social Studies: Our programs equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become informed and engaged citizens.

Primary Grades (PK-2): Foundational Concepts

PK-K:

Identify basic concepts of self, family, and community.

Recognize and respect similarities and differences among people.

Understand basic spatial relationships (e.g., near, far, here, there).

Begin to develop a sense of time (e.g., past, present).

Identify and understand basic community helpers.

Grades 1-2:

Describe the characteristics of their local community.

Understand basic map skills (e.g., identifying locations).

Identify and describe significant national holidays and symbols.

Recognize and explain the importance of rules and laws.

Begin to understand basic economic concepts (e.g., needs, wants).

Elementary Grades (3-5): Expanding Horizons

Grades 3-5:

Describe the geography and history of their state and region.

Understand the basic principles of U.S. government.

Identify and describe significant events and figures in U.S. history.

Develop basic research skills using various sources.

Understand the concept of cultural diversity and respect for different cultures.

Begin to analyze cause-and-effect relationships in historical events.

Begin to understand basic economic systems.

Middle School Grades (6-8): Deeper Understanding

Grades 6-8:

Analyze the development of early civilizations.

Understand major historical periods and events in world history.

Describe the structure and function of the U.S. government.

Analyze the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

Develop critical thinking skills to evaluate historical and contemporary issues.

Understand basic economic principles and their impact on society.

Improve map reading, and geographical analysis skills.

High School Grades (9-12): Civic Engagement and Critical Analysis

Grades 9-12:

Analyze the causes and consequences of major historical events.

Evaluate different forms of government and political ideologies.

Apply economic principles to understand current events.

Develop advanced research and writing skills.

Engage in informed discussions about current social and political issues.

Understand the importance of civic participation and responsibility.

Analyze and evaluate diverse perspectives on historical and contemporary issues.

Demonstrate proficiency in analyzing primary and secondary source documents.

Understand global connections, and relationships between nations.

Overarching Themes Throughout PK-12:

Civic Responsibility: Understanding the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society.

Cultural Awareness: Developing an appreciation for diverse cultures and perspectives.

Historical Thinking: Analyzing historical events and their impact on the present.

Geographic Literacy: Understanding the relationship between people and their environment.

Economic Understanding: Comprehending basic economic principles and their impact on individuals and society.

Critical Thinking: Evaluating information, forming arguments, and making informed decisions.

Information Literacy: Effectively finding, evaluating, and using information from various sources.