



Social Studies Department 2020

Welcome

- The Social Studies curriculum gives students a background in all of the social sciences including: geography, history, political science, economics, anthropology and archaeology.
- Through lessons, students will learn about our collective past, including events and opposing viewpoints.
- Students will be exposed to essential questions and themes that are universal in every historical era and circumstance.
- Higher order thinking and reasoning skills will be used to encourage a deeper understanding of social studies.

Required Social Studies Classes for Graduation

- **Global I – 9th grade – 1.0 Credit**

- This course is a study of the nations and regions of the world. It will examine prehistory, ancient civilizations, classical civilizations, and European history up to 1750 A.D. It concentrates on mastery of geographical and historical background knowledge of non-western cultures and civilizations.

- **Global II – 10th grade – 1.0 Credit – Regents Exam***

- This course is the second part of Global History and Geography. The course will cover from 1750 A.D., the Age of Revolutions through the end of the Cold War to the Iraq Wars, and the issues of modern times.

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- **US History – 11th Grade – 1.0 Credit – Regents Exam***
 - This course will provide a deep understanding and analysis of the historical, political, social, economic, and cultural aspects of American life. Students will explore our nation's colonial roots, the founding of the republic to the Civil War, Reconstruction, Industrialization, the World Wars, Great Depression, and the Civil Rights Movement; to the 21st century.

Required Social Studies Classes for Graduation

- **Government – 12th Grade ½ Year – .5 Credit**
 - This course is designed to encourage the development of civic-minded individuals capable of effectively fulfilling their responsibilities as citizens functioning in a democracy. The students will translate, interpret, analyze, diagnose, and evaluate local, state and federal issues with respect to decision-making and implementation of public policies and laws.
- **Economics – 12th Grade ½ Year - .5 Credit**
 - This course will expose students to economic systems through microeconomics, macroeconomics, and the world's use of them. Students will examine the practical aspects of economics including: personal finance, entrepreneurship, resource scarcity, goods, and services, national policy, and taxation.

Art

- **Studio in Art - .5 Credit**

- Through a sequential study of artistic elements, art media, drawing and painting techniques and art criticism, this course introduces students to the fundamentals of studio art. Students will be encouraged to explore media and think, talk and write about art.

- **Drawing and Design - 1 .5 Credit elective**

- Provides a basic foundation of both design and realistic drawing. Basic techniques are presented to encourage personal creativity and a successful beginning artistic experience using a variety of materials and processes.

- **Fashion Design - .5 Credit elective**

- If you dream of becoming a fashion designer, merchandiser, or stylist, this course can help make that dream a reality. Learn the elements of a basic fashion design sketch and start to develop your own women's wear.

Music

- **Music in Our Lives - .5 Credit elective**

- Students will be exposed and introduced to the basics of music and will be able to apply the skills that they learn in performing music and to continue studying music in their future. Students will be exposed to the music history, theory, and performance aspects of music in this class.

- **Drumline - .5 Credit elective**

- All students are assigned to a percussion instrument in the ensemble. Emphasis on percussion techniques and rudiments will be emphasized and learned throughout the school year. Students will participate in various performances throughout the school year and attend various rehearsals throughout the school year.

Music

- **Band - .5 Credit elective**

- All students are assigned to a band instrument in the ensemble. Emphasis on ensemble techniques will be emphasized and learned throughout the school year. Students will participate in various performances throughout the school year and attend various rehearsals throughout the school year.

- **Chorus -.5 Credit elective**

- This course is a performing group, open to students interested in singing with a group of people. Students will learn to improve their individual vocal skills and performance techniques, as well as gain the skills required for ensemble singing and performing, pitch awareness, rhythmic ability, voice tone quality, and proper articulation. Music-reading skills and vocal style are reinforced during chorus instructional practice. The chorus performs at annual concerts.

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