



Independent School District of Boise City K – 12 Social Studies Scope and Sequence

Social studies education in our elementary grades is built around an expanding horizons model of study. Our curriculum (reconstructed in 2000-01 and revised in 2002) maintains this thematic approach and includes content knowledge and skills delineated in the Idaho State Standards. Grades K – 3 focus on the individual, the family, and various aspects of community. Grade 4 is devoted to a study of Idaho, including its history. Grade 5 is an introduction to the full scope, though not the full content, of United States history.

**Self
Family
Neighborhood
Community
State (Idaho)
Country (Introduction to United States History)**

Grades 6, 7, and 8 comprise a three-year sequence in World Studies. All three courses employ a common, interdisciplinary model for studying the history, geography, and culture of specific world regions. Idaho State Standards drawn principally from the Middle Grades sections of Idaho's standards (and incorporating what those standards identify as a "human civilization" strand) are fully integrated in these courses.

**World Studies 6: Latin America and Canada
World Studies 7: Asia and Africa (including the Middle East)
World Studies 8: Europe (including Russia)**

Our secondary social studies program includes a broad range of coursework in history and the social sciences, exceeding Idaho State Standards. Grades 9 and 11 constitute a two-year sequence in United States history. Unlike the Grade 5 introductory course, this sequence is a comprehensive survey of United States history, divided into pre-twentieth century and post-1900 studies. Aspects of the so-called "Gilded Age" (our bridging unit) are taught in both the ninth and eleventh grades. Grade 12 includes a two-semester course in American government and a one-semester course in economics. These courses make up the social studies core requirements for graduation. Students select from multiple course titles/options in meeting these requirements (e.g. Advanced Placement, Junior Achievement, etc.).

**United States History 9 to 1900 (2 credits)
United States History 11 since 1900 (2 credits)
American Government (2 credits)
Economics (1 credit)**

Numerous electives are available to our secondary level students. These history and social science courses include studies of law, sociology, and psychology, to name a few. One popular elective is History of Western Civilization, recommended for all college bound students. Advanced Placement courses (college-level courses sanctioned by the College Board and designated "AP" by the District) in American history, European history, world history, psychology, macroeconomics, microeconomics, American government, and comparative government are available to our students. AP Human Geography is under study for piloting in the near future.