

Social Studies

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Courses task students with becoming knowledgeable about the past, present, and the world around them.

SKILLS

Social studies courses focus on developing critical thinking skills, problem solving, creative thought, and application. Students will be tasked with completing research projects, reading a variety of sources, listening to diverse points of view, and presenting their thoughts and conclusions in a respectful and professional manner.

AMERICAN HISTORY – 9TH GRADE (1 CREDIT)

Prerequisite: 8th Grade American History

Survey of the social, political, economic, and cultural history of the United States from Reconstruction to the present. Topics include the Great Depression, the wars of the 20th century, Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the rise of Globalization.

WORLD HISTORY – 10TH GRADE (1 CREDIT)

Prerequisite: 9th Grade American History

Provides an overview of the history of the world designed around four major themes: (1) Human Interaction with the Environment; (2) Government and Leadership; (3) Religion; (4) Law and Human Rights; stretching from the Enlightenment to the modern era.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT – 11TH (1 CREDIT)

Prerequisite: 10th Grade World History

Explore the development of American democracy from the days of the Revolution up to the problematic challenges of today; and will task students with learning the foundations of the Constitution, the differing levels of government, and the responsibilities of citizenship. As well, themes will include sectionalism, social justice.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY (1 CREDIT ELECTIVE)

Survey the roles played by African-Americans in the history of the U.S. from the onset of slavery to emancipation, the era of Jim Crow through the Civil Rights movement, and on to today. Students will study the contributions and impacts of the Black Community with an emphasis on the political, economic, sociological, and cultural factors of life in the 20th century.

PSYCHOLOGY (1/2 CREDIT ELECTIVE)

Introduce students to the systemic and scientific study of behavior, and the mental processes of humans and animals. Students are exposed to psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with the major fields of modern psychology, as well as ethics, methods, and practice.

SOCIOLOGY (1/2 CREDIT ELECTIVE)

The study of human relationships and the profound impacts groups and social structures have on the way individuals think, feel, and act. Students will explore deviance, social controls, age and gender inequalities, family and marriage, and the social issues surrounding other aspects of modern life.

