



SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE SEQUENCE

PreK & Kindergarten

TUBS units focus on growing students' capacity to be good citizens in the classroom and community.

Social Studies Grades 1-3

Units are focused on building foundational discipline tools in the areas of civics, geography, economics, and history.

Social Studies Grades 4-5

Over two years, students study the history of the United States through a state and local lens. 4th grade focuses on pre-European contact to American Revolution and 5th grade picks up with the Constitutional Convention through modern society.

Human Geography 6-7

Over two years, students will engage in a thematic geography study to understand how big geographic questions link the past to the present.

US History 8

In the first half of United States History, students study the time period beginning with the road to the American Revolution and ending with Reconstruction. Students take the MCAP USH8 exam.

US History 9

In the second half of United States History, students continue their study of our national heritage focusing on the time period beginning with 1877 and moving to present. Passing this course or AP US History is a MSDE graduation requirement.

US Government 10

Students in US Government study how the national, state, and local levels of government work to provide for the needs of its citizens. Students must take the MCAP Government Exam, which accounts for 20% of the students' grade in the course. Passing this course or AP US Government and Politics is a MSDE graduation requirement.

Explorations in World History 11

In High School Explorations in World History, students study a global perspective of the events starting in the 1300s and moving into present day. Students will engage in a capstone project in which they develop and implement their own historical inquiry to take informed action. Passing this course or AP Modern World History is a MSDE graduation requirement.

In High School, students may also take Social Studies electives, including:

- AP Psychology
- AP Human Geography
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Micro/Macro Economics
- AP African American Studies
- Psychology
- College Sociology
- African American History
- Economics
- Law in America
- Contemporary Issues