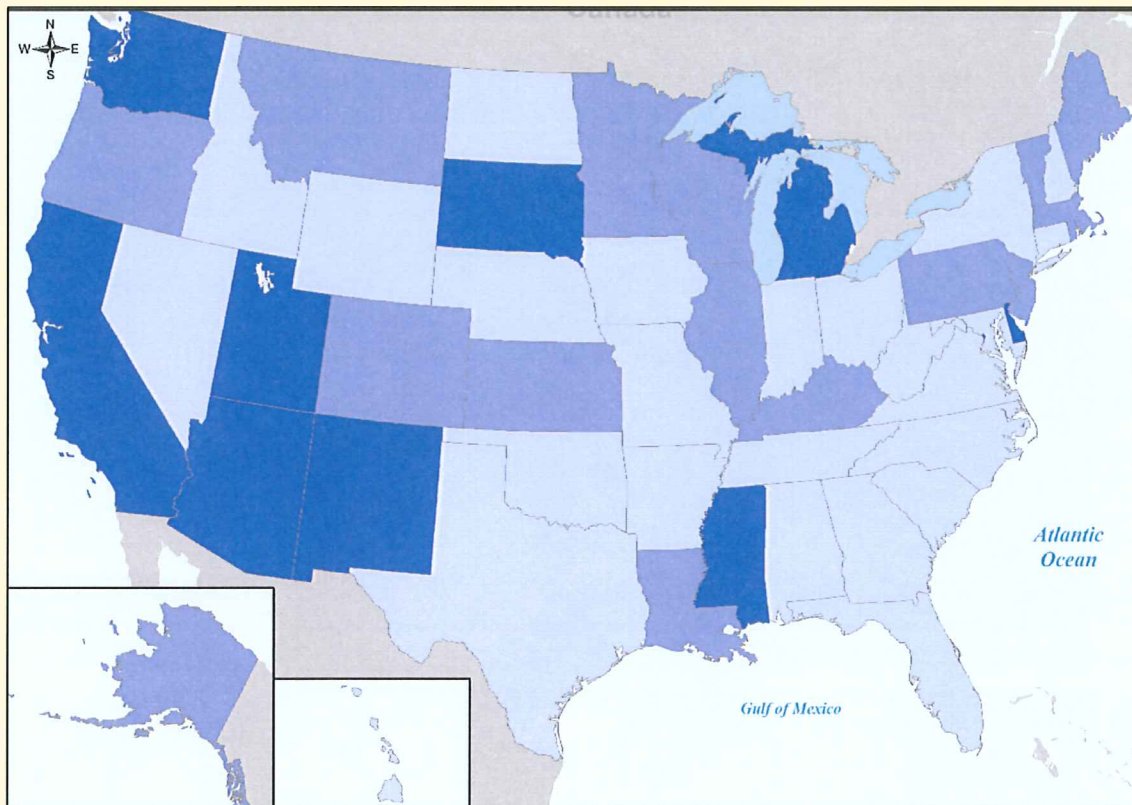


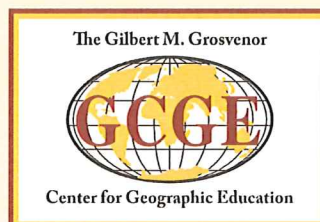
Social Studies and Geography Survey for Middle and High Schools

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Overview

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Executive Summary

Purpose

This research continues the Gilbert M. Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education's investigation into State Middle School and High School Geography Standards and Course Requirements. Conducted by a graduate seminar class at Texas State University during the fall of 2013, the purpose of this research was to examine the status of geography within social studies standards and course requirements in the United States and the District of Columbia, examining each state separately. The data used to create the maps and tables can be found on the information pages about each state in the last section of the report.

While many states include the teaching and learning of geographic concepts, knowledge, and skills within their K-12 curriculum, the focus of this survey is the presence of geography standards and course requirements from sixth grade to twelfth grade. The research did not aim to identify geography taught at the kindergarten to fifth grade levels because social studies courses at these grade levels generally encompass a mixture of social studies subject matter areas. We must also note that the U.S. K-12 education system is in constant flux and different priorities often impact state standards and graduation requirements, especially for social studies, and for geography, in particular.

The original intent of this collection of social studies standards/strands information was to provide data for longitudinal analysis of trends in social studies/geography emphasis on a state by state basis. This has proven to be very difficult, as states have changed their definitions, course titles, and graduation requirements. We hope that this document proves useful, but we caution researchers to look deeper, when and if changes are apparent, from year to year. You may simply be looking at a varying definition rather than a more substantive matter, such as a change in teaching and learning requirements.

Geography Course Requirements

The rubric that guided the survey for this research recognized that states exercise three options for administering geography courses in middle school and high school:

- The state requires a stand-alone geography course*
- The state does not require a geography course
- The state allows local school districts to decide what courses are taught

If geography was a choice in a list of courses to fulfill a high school graduation requirement, it was not considered a required course.

*Many states require a geography course that is combined with another social studies subject, such as "World History/U.S. History and Geography," "World Geography and Citizenship," or combined with the state history course, such as New Mexico's "New Mexico History and Geography" course.

Standards and Strands

For the purpose of this report, a "standard" is defined as a set of content knowledge and skills that is designed for a class that mainly focuses on geography. A "strand" is defined as geography content knowledge merged with other social studies content for a class that is not exclusively geographic, but the nature of which can be strengthened by a geographic

perspective or skill. Most states have organized their social studies curricula around four or five social studies subjects including history, geography, civics, government, and economics. Using these definitions, it was determined that there are three categories for classification regarding how geography course curricula are organized:

- Standard – separate set of geography standards
- Strand – geography is included as part of the social studies standards
- Both – as a separate set of geography standards and geography is included as part of the social studies standards

Results

At the middle school level, 17 states require a stand-alone geography course; five of those states are a combined geography course. Eleven states do not require a geography course and offer a general social studies course instead, and 23 states allow local school districts to decide what courses are offered. At the high school level only ten states require a stand-alone geography course for students to graduate from high school; seven of those are a combined course. Twenty-five states do not require a geography course and 16 states allow graduation and course requirements to be set at the district level, which may or may not include a stand-alone geography course (see “Geography Course Requirements”). At both levels, the combination course is counted as a geography requirement at that level (See “States with a combined social studies subject and geography course” table).

At the middle school level, there are 41 states that have geography as a strand within the state social studies standards, five that have separate geography standards, and the remainder have both geography strands within the social studies curriculum and separate standards for geography. At the high school level, 30 states have geography as a strand within the state social studies standards, 12 have a separate set of standards for geography, and nine have both geography strands within the social studies standards and a separate set of geography standards (see “Geography’s Place within Social Studies Standards”).

This study also aimed to determine state standards revision schedules. It was found that almost half of the states (23) have no scheduled revision cycle planned for the social studies standards. Two states completed the standards revision and adoption process in 2013 and 12 states are set to begin the process in 2014. Six states have planned standards revision schedules during 2015- 2016, and five states during 2017. Oregon is set for 2018, Minnesota in 2019, and Kansas in 2020.

Conclusions

As previously mentioned, data collection for longitudinal analysis can be difficult at times with constant change in definitions and personnel handling the data. The results presented here, however, are consistent with the past three reports completed over the past six years and show that on average about 15 states have a required stand-alone geography course at the middle school level, and on average about nine states have a required stand-alone geography course at the high school level. Also consistent with past reports is that geography standards are now in some way or another represented in all individual state social studies standards.

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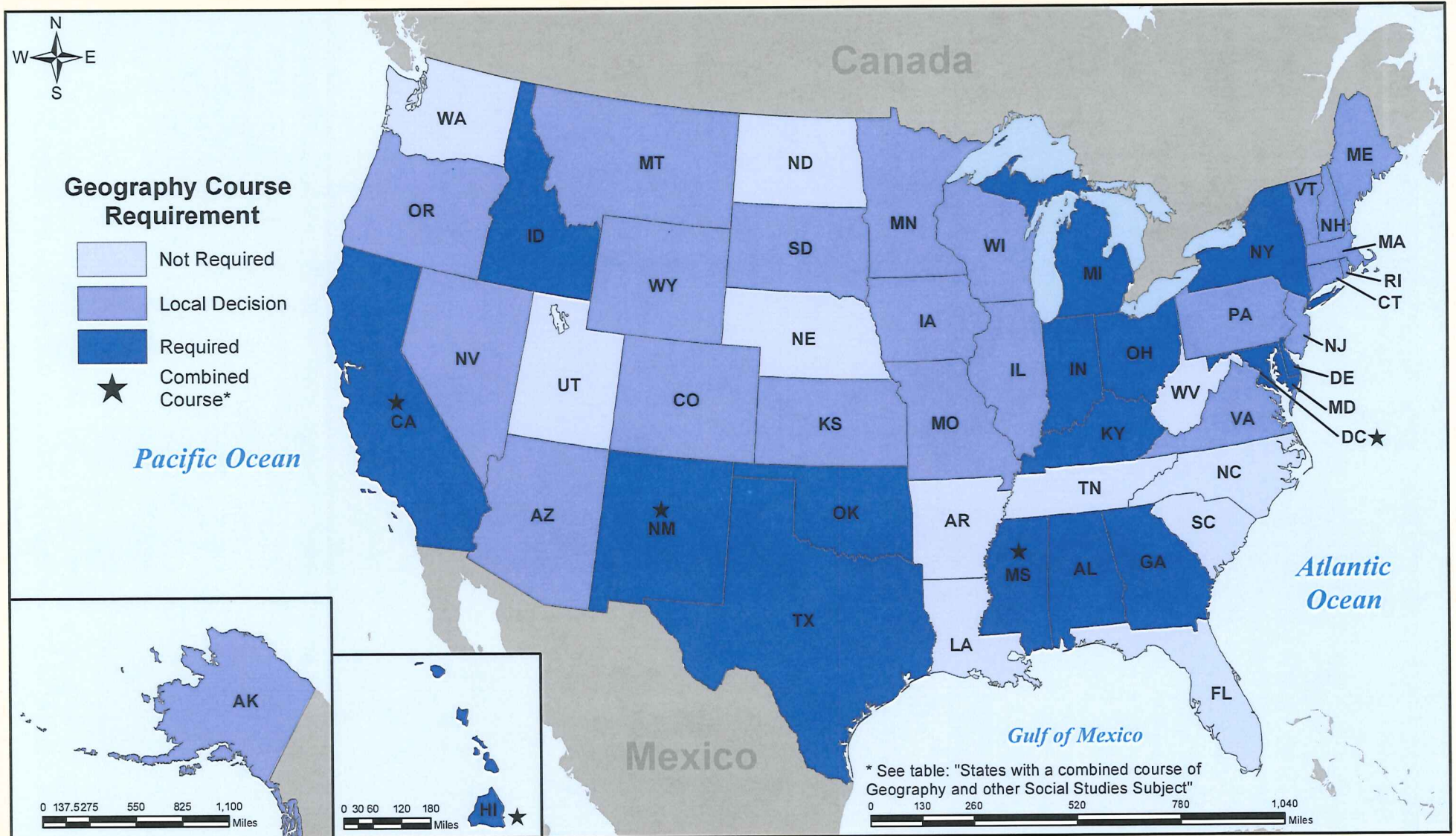
Geography Course Requirements

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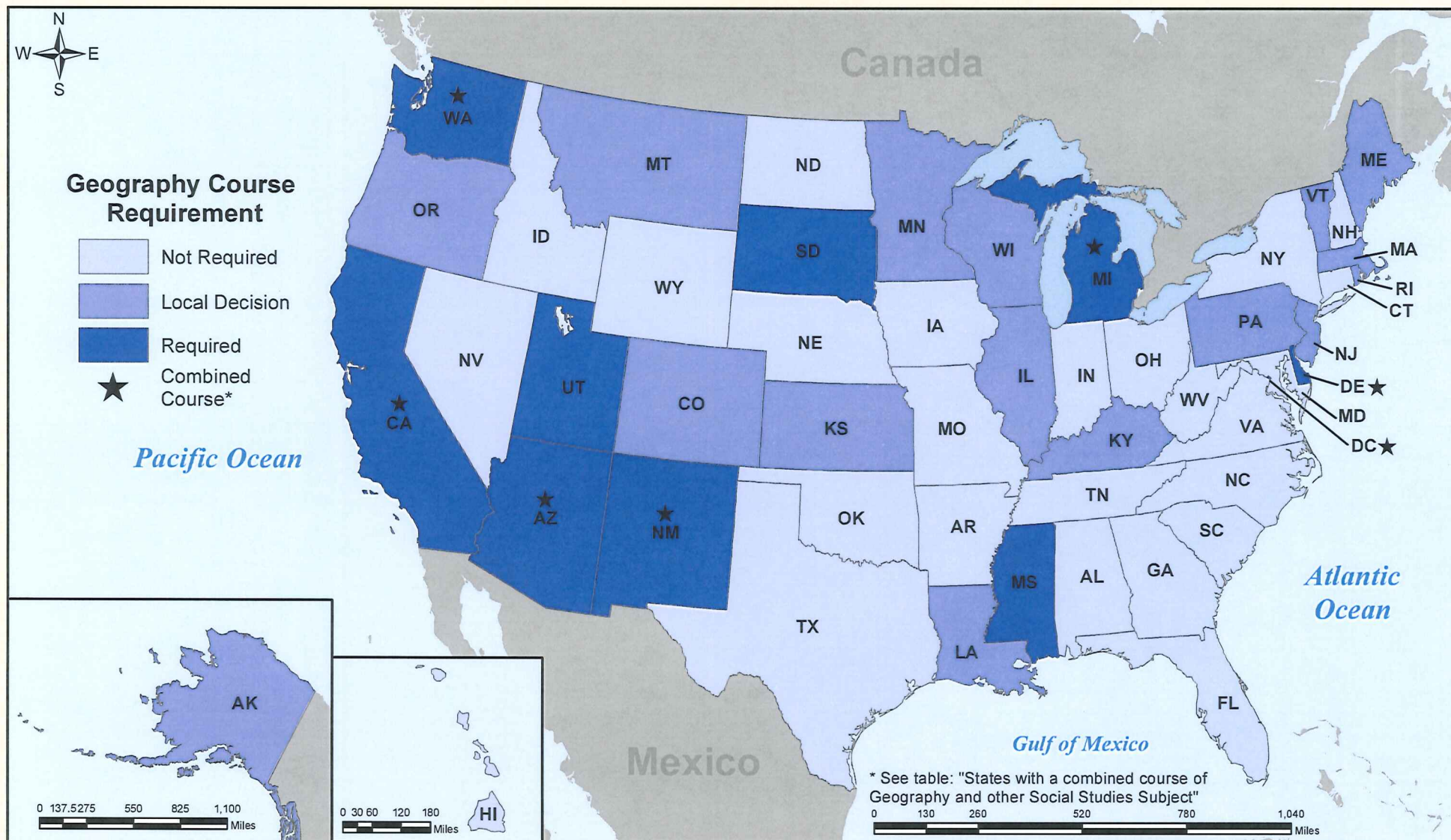
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Tab 2

Middle School Geography Course Requirement 2013



High School Geography Graduation Requirement 2013



Middle School and High School Geography Requirement

State	Middle School	High School
Alabama	Yes	No
Alaska	Local	Local
Arizona	Local	Yes
Arkansas	No	No
California	Yes	Yes
Colorado	Local	Local
Connecticut	Local	No
Delaware	Yes	Yes
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes
Florida	No	No
Georgia	Yes	No
Hawaii	Yes	No
Idaho	Yes	No
Illinois	Local	Local
Indiana	Yes	No
Iowa	Local	No
Kansas	Local	Local
Kentucky	Yes	Local
Louisiana	No	Local
Maine	Local	Local
Maryland	Yes	No
Massachusetts	Local	Local
Michigan	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	Local	Local
Mississippi	Yes	Yes
Missouri	Local	No

State	Middle School	High School
Montana	Local	Local
Nebraska	No	No
Nevada	Local	No
New Hampshire	Local	No
New Jersey	Local	Local
New Mexico	Yes	Yes
New York	Yes	No
North Carolina	No	No
North Dakota	No	No
Ohio	Yes	No
Oklahoma	Yes	No
Oregon	Local	Local
Pennsylvania	Local	Local
Rhode Island	Local	Local
South Carolina	No	No
South Dakota	Local	Yes
Tennessee	No	No
Texas	Yes	No
Utah	No	Yes
Vermont	Local	Local
Virginia	Local	No
Washington	No	Yes
West Virginia	No	No
Wisconsin	Local	Local
Wyoming	Local	No

States with a combined Social Studies subject and Geography course

State	Middle School	High School
Arizona		World History/Geography
California	<p>Grade 6: World History & Geography- Ancient Civilizations</p> <p>Grade 7: World History & Geography- Medieval and Early Modern Times</p> <p>Grade 8: U.S. History & Geography- Growth and Conflict</p>	<p>World History, Culture, & Geography: The Modern World</p> <p>U.S. History & Geography: Continuity and Change in the 20th Century</p>
Delaware		Geography and Civics
District of Columbia	<p>Grade 7: World History & Geography- Ancient World</p> <p>Grade 8: U.S. History & Geography I- Growth and Conflict</p>	<p>World History & Geography I- Middle Ages to the Age of Revolutions</p> <p>World History & Geography II- The Industrial Revolution to the Modern World</p> <p>U.S. History & Geography- Industrial America to the Present</p>
Hawaii	Grade 6: World Cultures/History- Ancient times through Renaissance	
Michigan		<p>World History & Geography</p> <p>US History & Geography</p>
Mississippi	Grade 6: World Geography and Citizenship	
New Mexico	Grade 7: New Mexico History and Geography	<p>U.S. History and Geography</p> <p>World History and Geography</p>
Washington		Contemporary World History, Geography, and Problems

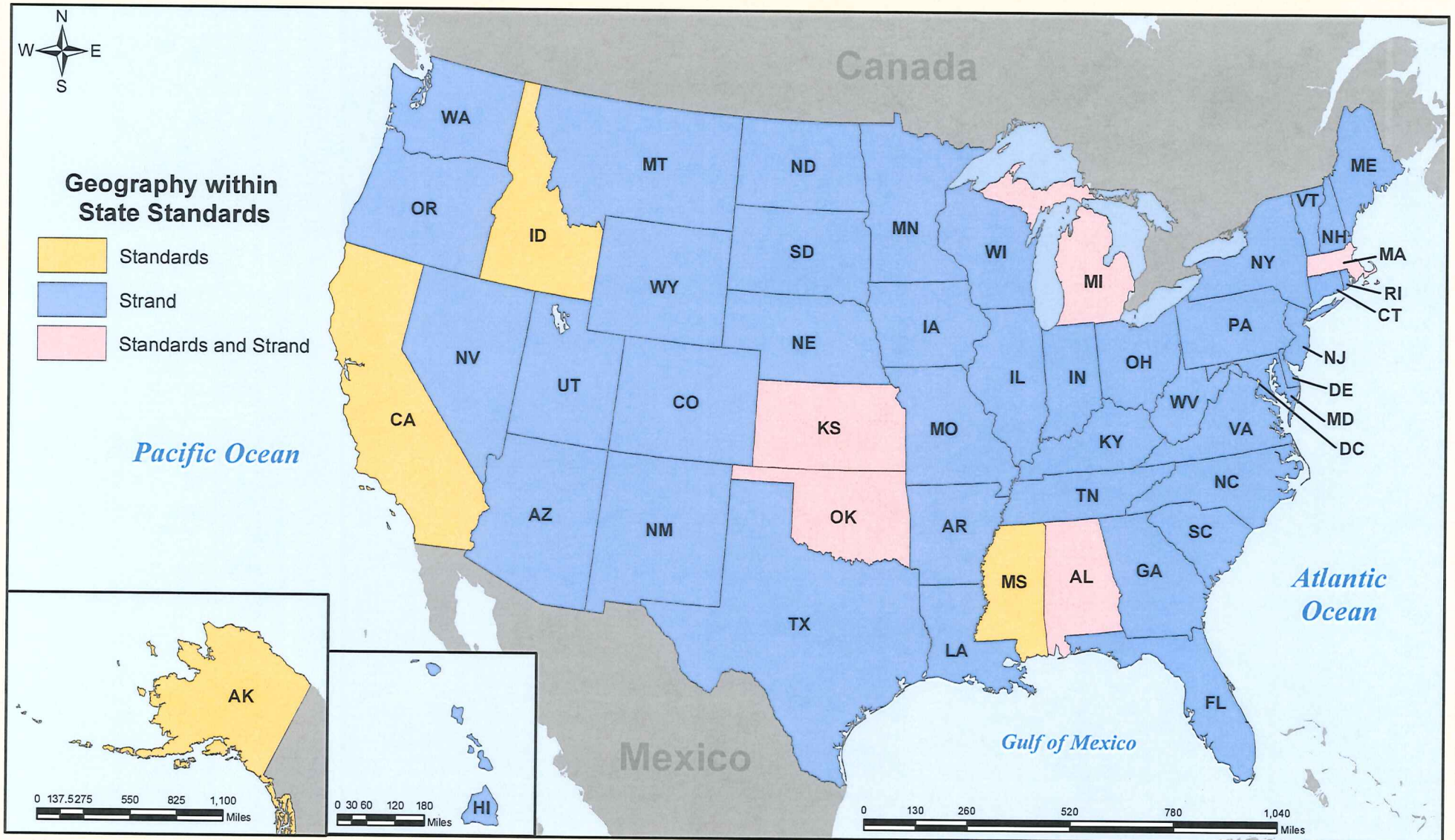
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Geography's Place within Social Studies Standards

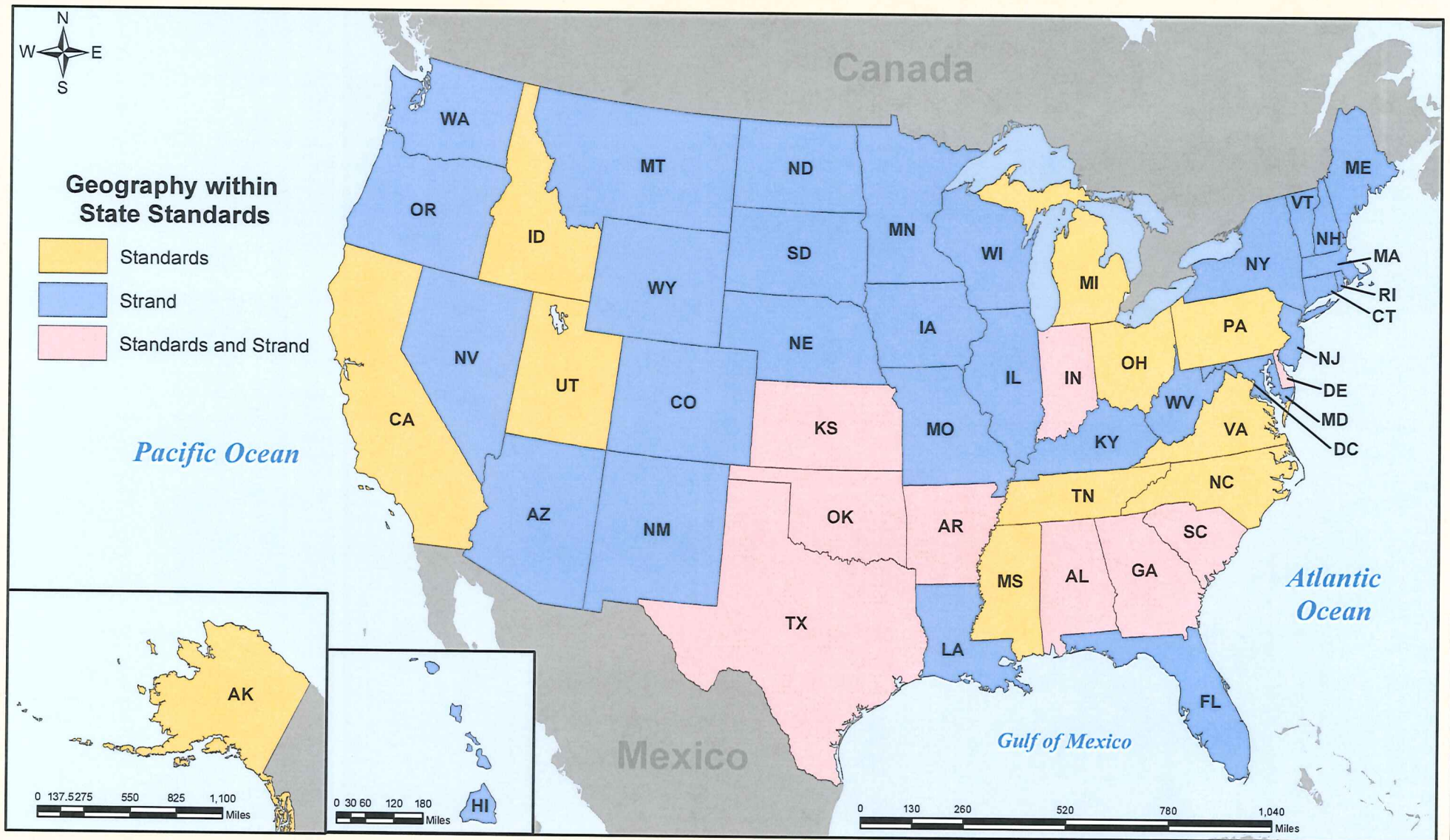
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Middle School Geography Standards 2013



High School Geography Standards 2013



Geography's Place within Social Studies Standards for Middle and High School

State	Middle School	High School
Alabama	Both	Both
Alaska	Standard	Standard
Arizona	Strand	Strand
Arkansas	Strand	Both
California	Standard	Standard
Colorado	Strand	Strand
Connecticut	Strand	Strand
Delaware	Strand	Both
District of Columbia	Standard	Standard
Florida	Strand	Strand
Georgia	Strand	Both
Hawaii	Strand	Strand
Idaho	Standard	Standard
Illinois	Strand	Strand
Indiana	Strand	Both
Iowa	Strand	Strand
Kansas	Both	Both
Kentucky	Strand	Strand
Louisiana	Strand	Strand
Maine	Strand	Strand
Maryland	Strand	Strand
Massachusetts	Both	Strand
Michigan	Both	Standard
Minnesota	Strand	Strand
Mississippi	Standard	Standard
Missouri	Strand	Strand

State	Middle School	High School
Montana	Strand	Strand
Nebraska	Strand	Strand
Nevada	Strand	Strand
New Hampshire	Strand	Strand
New Jersey	Strand	Strand
New Mexico	Strand	Strand
New York	Strand	Strand
North Carolina	Strand	Standard
North Dakota	Strand	Strand
Ohio	Strand	Standard
Oklahoma	Both	Both
Oregon	Strand	Strand
Pennsylvania	Strand	Standard
Rhode Island	Strand	Strand
South Carolina	Strand	Both
South Dakota	Strand	Strand
Tennessee	Strand	Standard
Texas	Strand	Both
Utah	Strand	Standard
Vermont	Strand	Strand
Virginia	Strand	Standard
Washington	Strand	Strand
West Virginia	Strand	Strand
Wisconsin	Strand	Strand
Wyoming	Strand	Strand

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Revision of Standards Data

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➤ Table: Scheduled Revisions of Social Studies Standards

- By State
- By Year

Schedule of Revisions of Social Studies Standards

State	Last Revision	Next Revision
Alabama	2004	2010
Alaska	2006	None Scheduled
Arizona	2005	None Scheduled
Arkansas	2006	None Scheduled
California	2008	None Scheduled
Colorado	2009	2017
Connecticut	2011	2014
Delaware	1995	None Scheduled
District of Columbia	2007	None Scheduled
Florida	2008	None Scheduled
Georgia	2008	2014
Hawaii	2005	None Scheduled
Idaho	2010	2016
Illinois	1997	None Scheduled
Indiana	2007	2013
Iowa	2010	2014
Kansas	2013	2020
Kentucky	2010	2014
Louisiana	2011	
Maine	2007	2015/2016
Maryland	2010	None Scheduled
Massachusetts	2002	None Scheduled
Michigan	2007	None Scheduled
Minnesota	2013	2019/2020
Mississippi	2010	2016
Missouri	2007	None Scheduled

State	Last Revision	Next Revision
Montana	2000	None Scheduled
Nebraska	2012	2017
Nevada	2008	2016
New Hampshire	2006	2016
New Jersey	2009	2014
New Mexico	2009	None Scheduled
New York	1996	2014
North Carolina	2010	None Scheduled
North Dakota	2007	2014/2015
Ohio	2010	None Scheduled
Oklahoma	2012	2017/2018
Oregon	2011	2018
Pennsylvania	2009	None Scheduled
Rhode Island	2012	None Scheduled
South Carolina	2011	2017
South Dakota	2005	2015
Tennessee	2013/2014	None Scheduled
Texas	2010	2017
Utah	2010	2013
Vermont	2000	2014
Virginia	2008	2014
Washington	2013	None Scheduled
West Virginia	2012	None Scheduled
Wisconsin	1998	None Scheduled
Wyoming	2008	2014

Schedule of Revisions of Social Studies Standards

2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	None Scheduled
Alabama Connecticut Georgia Indiana Iowa Kentucky Louisiana New Jersey New York North Dakota Utah Vermont Virginia Wyoming	Idaho Maine Mississippi Nevada New Hampshire South Dakota	Colorado Nebraska Oklahoma Oregon South Carolina Texas	Kansas Minnesota	Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Delaware District of Columbia Florida Hawaii Illinois Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Missouri Montana New Mexico North Carolina Ohio Pennsylvania Rhode Island Tennessee Washington West Virginia Wisconsin

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State Information

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- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

Alabama Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: U.S. Studies 1877 to Present*

Grade 7: Geography (half year)

Grade 7: Citizenship (half year)

Grade 8: World History to 1500

*Grade 5: U.S. Studies Beginning to 1877

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

4 credits (1 credit = full year)

World History to Present (1 credit, required Grade 9)

U.S. History to 1877 (1 credit, required Grade 10)

U.S. History from 1877 to Present (1 credit, required Grade 11)

U.S. Government (0.5 credit, required Grade 12)

Economics (0.5 credit, required Grade 12)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World Geography (2 components)

1) Physical (0.5 credit)

2) Human (0.5 credit)

Notes

The *National Geography Standards (1994)* and *Path Toward World Literacy* were used as a framework for the 2004 standards.

Standards Document

Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies

Bulletin 2004, No.18

Adopted: 2004

Implemented: 2005-2006

<http://www.alsde.edu/Home/Sections/SectionDocuments.aspx?SectionID=54&Subsection=5>

Next revision: Revised in 2010 for implementation in 2014-2015

<https://docs.alsde.edu/documents/54/2010%20SOCIAL%20STUDIES%20COURSE%20OF%20STUDY%20-%20ADOPTED%20DRAFT.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 7 Geography

Grade 9-12 World Geography

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Alaska Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state— Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

Standards Document

Alaska Content and Performance Standards, 4th Edition 2006-2012
Adopted: 2006

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/akstandards/standards/standards.pdf>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state - each school district sets local graduation requirement, but must meet State Board of Education minimum of 3 credits which includes:

Alaska History (0.5 credit)

Remaining credits can include:

World History I and II

US History I and II

Economics (0.5 credit)

U.S. Government (0.5 credit)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards:
Grade 6-12

Geography Courses

Local control state— Geography courses are determined by each school district.

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Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Arizona Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state— Social Studies courses are determined by each school district, but generally with a focus on:

Grade 6: World History – Early Cultures through Enlightenment

Grade 7: American History- Civil War to Great Depression, including Industrial Revolution

Grade 8: History- Constitution to WWII to present

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits (0.5 credit = each class)

American History including Arizona history (1 credit)

Government including Arizona Government (0.5 credit)

Economics (0.5 credit)

World History/Geography (1 credit)

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Grade 9-12:

AP Human Geography

Notes

The National Council of Geographic Education document was used as a framework for the 2005 standards.

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Standards Document

Arizona Academic Content Standards Social Studies

Adopted: September 2005

Updated: May 2006

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/files/2011/09/ssstandard-full-05-22-06.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses

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Arkansas Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

No specific courses, classes are taught by the standards with a focus on Arkansas History.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 unit credits (1 credit = full year)

World History (1 credit)

American History (1 credit)

Civics or Civics/American Government (0.5 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
World Geography (0.5 credit)

Notes

Standards Document

Social Studies Curriculum Framework Grade K-8.
Revised 2006, Amended 11/2007.

Next Revision: currently delayed until release of common social studies standards

http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/Learning_Services/Curriculum%20and%20Instruction/Frameworks/Social%20Studies/soc_studies_k_8_051308.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
Grade 9-12 World Geography

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

California Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World History & Geography – Ancient Civilizations
Grade 7: World History & Geography – Medieval and Early Modern Times
Grade 8: U.S. History & Geography – Growth and Conflict

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

State minimum of 3 years of history/social studies:

World History, Culture & Geography: The Modern World (1 year, required Grade 10)
US History & Geography: Continuity and Change in the 20th Century (1 year, required Grade 11)
 Principles of American Democracy and Economics (required Grade 12)

Geography Courses

No other geography courses are offered.

Notes

Standards Document

History- Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools K-12
 Adopted: October 2008
 Reposted: June 2009

Next revision: Suspended until 2015-2016 school year due to legislature and plan to take into account C3 framework.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/histsocscistnd.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 All middle school Social Studies courses
 Grade 10 and 11 courses

Geography is addressed at every grade level

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Colorado Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state— Social Studies courses are determined by each school district, but generally with a focus on:

Grade 6: World History (Western Hemisphere)
Grade 7: World History (Eastern Hemisphere)

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state - each school district sets local graduation requirement, but must meet State Board of Education minimum standards which include:
U.S. History and World History

State requires a course in civics.

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography courses are determined by each school district.

Grade 9-12:
World Geography
AP Human Geography

Notes

Standards Document

Colorado Academic Standards Social Studies.
Revised: 2009
Adopted: December 2009

Next revision: 2017

http://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/documents/cosocialstudies/documents/social_studies_adopted_12_10_09.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Connecticut Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state— Social Studies courses are determined by each school district, but generally with a focus on:

Grade 6: World Regional Studies
 Grade 7: World Regional Studies
 Grade 8: 19th Century

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits in Social Sciences (1 credit= full year)

American History (1 credit)
 International/ World Studies (1 credit)
 Civics (0.5 credit)
 Elective (0.5 credit)

Geography Courses

Middle School:

Grade 6: World Regional Studies
 Grade 7: World Regional Studies

Grade 9-12:

Geography

Notes

The newest Social Studies framework will be developed through the lens of the C3 Framework.

Standards Document

Connecticut Social Studies Curriculum Framework
 Grade PK-12 July 2011

Next revision: 2014

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/curriculum/socialstudies/CT_Social_Studies_Curriculum_Framework_2011.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
 All K-12 Social Studies courses

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<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/site/default.asp>

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Delaware Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Recommended courses:

Grade 6: Global Studies

Grade 7: Contemporary Issues

Grade 8: U.S. History to 1877

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits of the combining core content areas:

Geography and Civics (Grade 9)

Economics and Personal Finance (Grade 10)

History including U.S. History (Grade 11 & 12)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

Grade 9: Regional Planning

Notes

Standards Document

Social Studies Curriculum Framework Vol.1 Content Standards

June 1995

No plan to revise, instead, provide increased instructional resources to help explain them to teachers and help students achieve standards (updated July 2010).

http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/staff/ci/content_areas/socialstudies.shtml

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
High School Geography

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

District of Columbia Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Geography and Cultures
Grade 7: World History and Geography – Ancient World
Grade 8: U.S. History and Geography I – Growth and Conflict

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

4 credits

World History & Geography I – Middle Ages to the Age of Revolutions (1 credit, required Grade 9)
World History & Geography II – The Industrial Revolution to the Modern World (1 credit, required Grade 10)
U.S. History & Geography II – Industrial America to the Present (1 credit, required Grade 11)
 Principles of U.S. Government (0.5 credit, required Grade 12)
 DC History and Government (0.5 credit, required Grade 12)

Geography Courses

AP Human Geography is also offered and it is currently taught at 4 high schools.

Notes

Standards Document

Learning Standards 2007

Next revision: None scheduled

K-8

<http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/In+the+Classroom/What+Students+Are+Learning/Learning+Standards+for+Grades+Pre-K-8>

High School

<http://dc.gov/DCPS/In+the+Classroom/What+Students+Are+Learning/Learning+Standards+for+High+School+Subjects>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Florida Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Three courses in social studies, one of which must be an at least one semester course in Civics.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits

U.S. History (1 credit)

World History (1 credit)

Economics with Financial Literacy (0.5 credit)

U.S. Government (0.5 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World Cultural Geography

AP Human Geography

Pre-AICE Geography

IB Geography

IB World Geography

IB Geography 2

IB MYP World Geography

Notes

Standards Document

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards K-12
2008

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.cpalms.org/Public/search/Standard>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Georgia Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Area Studies I – Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, Europe and Australia
Grade 7: World Area Studies II – Africa and Asia
 Grade 8: Georgia Studies

Standards Document

Georgia Performance Standards for Social Studies
 Adopted: 2008

Next revision: 2014

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Standards/Pages/BrowseStandards/SocialStudiesStandards.aspx>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits

U.S. History (1 credit)
 World History (1 credit)
 American Government (0.5 credit)
 Economics (0.5 credit)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 High School World Geography

Geography is a strand in:
 All K-12 Social Studies courses

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
 World Geography

Notes

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Hawaii Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Cultures/History – Ancient times through Renaissance

Grade 7: History of the Hawaiian Kingdom (half year)

Grade 7: Pacific Island Studies (half year)

Grade 8: U.S. History – Articles of Confederation, Post-Revolutionary War through Reconstruction

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

4 credits

U.S. History (1 credit)

World History (1 credit)

Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit)

Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)

Elective (1 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12 electives:

Geography

AP Human Geography

Notes

Standards Document

Hawaii Content and Performance Standards III Database

Approved: August 2007

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://165.248.30.40/hcpsv3/index.jsp>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses

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Idaho Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6-9: Geography Eastern Hemisphere
Grade 6-9: Geography Western Hemisphere
 Grade 6-9: World History & Civilization
 Grade 6-12: U.S. History I

* Middle Schools vary by district: Grade 6-8 or 7-9

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

5 credits (1 credit = 1 semester)

Grade 9-12: U.S. History (2 credits)
 Grade 9-12: Economics (1 credit)
 Grade 9-12: American Government (1 credit)

Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology, and world history may be offered as electives

Geography Courses

Grade 6-9: Geography Eastern Hemisphere
 Grade 6-9: Geography Western Hemisphere
 Grade 9-12: Geography

Notes

Social Studies include instruction in history, geography, economics, civics & government, global perspectives.

Standards Document

Idaho Content Standards for Social Studies 2010

Next revision: 2016

http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/content_standards/ss_standards.htm

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 6-9 Geography Eastern Hemisphere
 Grade 6-9 Geography Western Hemisphere
 Grade 6-9 World History & Civilization
 Grade 6-12 U.S. History I
 Grade 9-12 U.S. History II
 Grade 9-12 Economics
 Grade 9-12 American Government

Geography objective(s) can be found in:
 All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Illinois Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state – Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

2 years to include:

Choice between:

U.S. History (1 year)

A combination of U.S. History & American Government (1 year)

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography courses are determined by each school district.

Notes

Standards Document

Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science
Adopted: 1997

Next revision: None scheduled

http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/social_science/standards.htm

Geography Goal:

http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/social_science/pdf/goal17.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Indiana Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: People, Places, and Cultures in Europe and the Americas
Grade 7: People, Places, and Cultures in Africa, Asia & the Southwest Pacific
 Grade 8: U.S. History- Growth and Development

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

6 credits (1 credit= 1 semester)

U.S. History (2 credits)
 U.S. Government (1 credit)
 Economics (1 credit)

Choice between:

World History & Civilizations (2 credits)
 Geography and History of the World (2 credits)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

AP Human Geography (1 or 2 credits)
 World Geography (1 credit)
 Geography and History of the World (2 credits)

Notes

Standards Document

Indiana Academic Standards- Social Studies
 October 2007

AND

Indiana's Core Standards: Core Academic Concepts
 across the K12 Continuum
 Summer 2008

Next revision: currently under review. Proposed
 2013 standards will be approved soon by BOE

<https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/Standards/PrintLibrary.aspx>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 High School Geography and History of the World
 High School Geography

Geography is a strand in:
 All K-8 Social Studies courses and most high school Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Iowa Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state – Social Studies course offerings are determined by each school district.

Iowa Code mandates geography, U.S. history and civics, but not specified how or at what grade level.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Minimum of 3 years and/or minimum of 5 units

U.S. Government (0.5 credit)
American History (1 unit)

Additional credits are locally determined

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Grade 9-12:

Geography related type courses are offered
AP Human Geography is offered in some districts

Notes

National Council for Geographic Education Framework was used as a framework for the 2010 standards.

Standards Document

Iowa Core K-12 Social Studies
August 2010

Next revision: May be revising standards next year (2014) depending on state reaction to C3 Framework

https://www.educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/K-12_SocialStudies.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Kansas Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state— Social Studies courses are determined by each school district, but state recommends:

Grade 6: Ancient World History
 Grade 7: Geography
 Grade 7: Kansas History
 Grade 8: U.S. History

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 units of credit

World History
 U.S. History with Kansas History integrated
 U.S. Government

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Middle School:
 Grade 7: Geography

Notes

Geography for Life, Second Edition was used as a framework for the 2013 standards.

Standards Document

Kansas Standards for History, Government, and Social Studies

Adopted: April 2013

Next revision: review every 7 years (2020)

<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1715>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 Grade 7 Geography
 High School World Geography

Geography is a strand in:
 All K-12 Social Studies courses

Information Source

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Kentucky Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Geography

Grade 7: World History

Grade 8: U.S. History

Standards Document

Kentucky Core Academic Standards

June 2010

Adopted: February 2010

Next revision: anticipated for 2014

<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/docs/Documents/POS%20with%20CCS%20for%20public%20review.pdf>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state – Board of Education sets a minimum of 3 credits to include strands of U.S. History, Geography, Economics, Government & Civics, and Cultures & Societies

Each school district sets local graduation requirements.

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography courses are determined by each school district.

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Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Louisiana Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World History
Grade 7: U.S. History
Grade 8: Louisiana Studies

* Each course has a significant geography component taught and assessed at each grade level

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

4 units for LA Core 4

U.S. History (1 credit)

Choice between:

Civics (1 unit)

Civics (0.5 unit) AND Free Enterprise (0.5 unit)

Choice of one of the following (1 unit):

World History World Geography

Western Civilizations AP European History

Choice of one of the following (1 unit): above four courses PLUS

Civics (0.5credit) Law Studies

Psychology Sociology African American

Studies Economics

AP Economics: Micro AP Government & Politics:

U.S.

AP Government & Politics: Comparative

AP Human Geography

3 credits for LA Basic Core: First 3 requirements as above

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World Geography

AP Human Geography

World Geography IB

Notes

Many students take World Geography because it is one of the choices that will make them eligible for the TOPS scholarship program in Louisiana.

Standards Document

Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies
Revised: 2011

Next revision: 2014

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/academic-standards/standards---k-12-social-studies.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Maine Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state – Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

Standards Document

Maine Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction 2007

Next revision: every 10 years (2015/2016)

<http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/ch132-2007.pdf>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Social Studies and history, including American history, government, civics, and personal finance – 2 years (in separate of integrated study programs) Maine Studies, including Main Native American Studies is included.

Each school district sets local graduation requirement.

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand within:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography courses are determined by each school district.

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Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Maryland Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World History

Grade 7: Modern World Cultural Geography

Grade 8: U.S. History

Standards Document

Teaching and Learning: Social Studies Maryland Standards
2010

Next revision: None scheduled

http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/social_studies/

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits

U.S. History (1 credit)

World History (1 credit)

Local, State, and National Government

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

AP Human Geography and other geography related type courses are offered

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Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Massachusetts Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state— Social Studies courses are determined by each school district, but state recommends:

Grade 6: World Geography

Grade 7: Ancient and Classical Civilizations

Grade 8: Choice between:

World History I

U.S. History I

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state – each school district sets local graduation requirements

Mass CORE is a recommended course of studies which includes 3 years of history/social science:

U.S. History I – Mid 18th century to Reconstruction

U.S. History II – Reconstruction to Present

World History II – Approx. 18th century to Present

Geography Courses

Local control state – geography courses are determined by each school district.

Middle school:

Grade 6: World Geography

Notes

Standards Document

Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework

August 2003

Adopted: October 2002

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/hss/final.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
Grade 6 World Geography

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies Courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Michigan Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Western Hemisphere Studies

Grade 7: Eastern Hemisphere Studies

Grade 8: Integrated U.S. History 1754-1898

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits

World History & Geography (1 credit)

U.S. History & Geography (1 credit)

Civics (0.5 credit)

Economics (0.5 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

AP Human Geography

Notes

Standards Document

Grade Level Content Expectations Social Studies K-8 and High School
December 2007

Next revision: None scheduled

K-8

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SSGLCE_218368_7.pdf

High School

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SS_HSC_E_210739_7.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
High School World History and Geography
High School US History and Geography
Courses
Western Hemisphere Studies
Eastern Hemisphere Studies

Geography is a strand in:
All K-8 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Minnesota Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state— Social Studies courses are determined by each school district, but state recommends:

Grade 6: Minnesota Studies
Grade 7: U.S. Studies 1800- Present
Grade 8: Global Studies

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3.5 credits to include

U.S. History (1 credit)
World History (1 credit)
Citizenship & Government (0.5 credit)
Economics (0.5 credit)
Geography (0.5 credit)

Ultimately up to each district to determine how and which courses to offer and align with requirements

Geography Courses

Middle School:
Grade 8: Global Studies

Grade 9-12:
Geography

Notes

There are a set of standards and benchmarks for each grade level that must taught in the courses. Districts determine how these are aligned and offered.

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Standards Document

Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in Social Studies
Revised: 2011 (draft for final 2013-2014)
Adopted May 2013

Next revision: 2019-2020

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Welcome/Rule/ActiveRule/SocStudies/index.html>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses

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Mississippi Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Geography and Citizenship

Grade 7: World History from Pre-Columbian Era to Colonization

Grade 8: U.S. History from Exploration through Reconstruction

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

4 years

U.S. History (1 credit)

World History (1 credit)

Introduction to World Geography (0.5 credit)

U.S. Government (0.5 credit)

Economics (0.5 credit)

Mississippi Studies (0.5 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

Advanced World Geography

Notes

Standards Document

2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework

Adopted: November 2010

Next revision: review every 6 years (2016)

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/curriculum-and-instructions-library/2011-mississippi-social-studies-framework.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has its own set of standards in:

World Geography and Citizenship

Introduction to World Geography

Advanced Geography

Information Source

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Missouri Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state – Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits to include:

American History (1 credit)
Government (0.5 credit)
Elective

Additional credits are locally determined

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
Geography/ World Civilizations

Notes

National Geographic Standards was used as a framework for the standards.

Standards Document

Missouri Show-Me Standards

http://dese.mo.gov/standards/documents/Show_Me_Standards_Placemat.pdf

AND

Social Studies Grade- and Course-Level Expectations
September 2007

<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/GLE/documents/cur-ss-cle-0907.pdf>

AND

Missouri Learning Standards

<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/documents/MOLearningStandardsbrochure41113.pdf>

Next revision: None scheduled

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Montana Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

1 Social Studies class is required for each year of middle school.

Local control state- Social Studies curriculum and courses determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

2 Social Studies classes are required. One of those classes can be geography.

Local control state- each school districts sets local graduation requirements.

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Notes

Standards Documents

Montana Standards for Social Studies
Adopted: 2000

Next revision: None Scheduled

<http://opi.mt.gov/PDF/Standards/ContStds-SocSt.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses. The standards are set up as benchmarks for grades 4, 8, and 12.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Nebraska Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies
Grade 7: Social Studies
Grade 8: Social Studies

All Social Studies standards must be taught in all K-12 classes. The standards influence the course curriculum.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

30 hours of Social Studies/history.

Course content includes civics/government, geography, United States history, World history, and economic concepts

Geography Courses

The state of Nebraska requires that all social studies standards, which includes geography, must be taught at all grade levels. Due to "Local Control," each district has the option to determine in which course the standards will be taught.

Notes

Standards Documents

Nebraska State Board of Education Social Studies Standards
Approved: December 2012

Next revision: Scheduled for 2017. Pending bill in the state legislature would move the revision date to 2019.

http://www.education.ne.gov/SS/Documents/2012December7VerticalNE_SocialStudiesStandardsApproved.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Nevada Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits (1 credit = 1 year)

American History (1 credit)

American Government (1 credit)

Elective (1 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World Geography

Notes

Used *Geography for Life (1994)* as a framework for creating geography strands.

Standards Documents

Nevada Social Studies Standards

Adopted: December 2008

Next revision: 2015

http://www.doe.nv.gov/NDE_Offices/APAC/Nevada_Academic_Standards/Social_Studies_Resources/

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-12 Social Studies courses.

*The standards are banded for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 to allow districts the flexibility to align the standards and benchmarks to their courses of study or curriculum.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

New Hampshire Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: local control
Grade 7: local control
Grade 8: U.S. History

*Local control state- Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Geography Requirements

4 courses (2.5 credits)

U.S. History/New Hampshire History (1 credit)
U.S. Civics/New Hampshire Civics (0.5 credit)
Economics (0.5 credit)
Choice of one of the following (0.5 credit):
 World History
 Global Studies
 World Geography

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
 Global Studies
 World Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

K-12 Social Studies New Hampshire Curriculum Framework
Adopted: June 2006

Next revision: 2016

http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/curriculum/social_studies/documents/frameworks.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All middle and high school Social Studies years, but not necessarily all courses.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

New Jersey Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- each school district determines course offerings and curriculum based on New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Social Studies.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 years

U.S. History (2 years)
World History (1 year)

Geography Courses

Local control state-geography course offerings are determined by each school district and based on New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Social Studies.

Notes

Standards Documents

New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Social Studies
Adopted: 2009

Next revision: New Jersey is required by law to review standards every five years, and the current standards are under review in 2014.

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/standards/6/index.html>

*Teachers are responsible for implementing Common Core standards in Social Studies curriculum.

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

All K-8 Social Studies courses
U.S. History: America in the World
World History/Global Studies
Active Citizenship in the 21st Century

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

New Mexico Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Geography

Grade 7: New Mexico History and Geography

Grade 8: U.S. History

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3.5 units of social science (1 unit = full year)

U.S. History and Geography (1 unit)

World History and Geography (1 unit)

Government and Economics (1 unit)

New Mexico History (0.5 unit)

Geography Courses

Grade 6-12: World Geography

Grade 6-12: Topics in Geography

Grade 11-12: AP Human Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

New Mexico Social Studies Standards

Adopted: 2009

Next revision: None Scheduled

Grades 5-8:

<http://www.ped.state.nm.us/standards/Social%20Studies/Social%20Studies%205-8.pdf>

Grades 9-12:

<http://www.ped.state.nm.us/standards/Social%20Studies/Social%20Studies%209-12.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

New York Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: The Eastern Hemisphere
 Grade 7: U.S. and New York History
 Grade 8: U.S. and New York History II

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

4 credits

American History (1 credit)
 U.S. Government (0.5 credit)
 Economics (0.5 credit)
 Elective (1 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
 World History and Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

New York Learning Standards for Social Studies
 Adopted: 1996

Next revision: 2014

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/socstand/home.html>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

North Carolina Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies
 Grade 7: Social Studies
 Grade 8: North Carolina and the United States:
 Creation and Development of the State and Nation

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

4 credits

World History (1 credit)
 American History I (1 credit)
 American History II (1 credit)
 Civics and Economics (1 credit)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
 21st Century Global Geography

Notes

Will use *Geography for Life (2012)* as a framework for next standards revision.

Standards Documents

North Carolina Essential Standards

Adopted: 2010

Next revision: None Scheduled

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/new-standards/#social>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 High school 21st Century Global Geography

Geography is a strand in:
 K-8 Social Studies courses

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

North Dakota Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

North Dakota state law sets broad course requirements for all schools, including middle school level instruction. NDCC 15.1-21 outlines these requirements. In order to be an approved middle school, schools must provide instruction in social studies, including the United States Constitution, United States history, geography, government, and North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on the geography, history, and agriculture of this state, in the fourth and eighth grades.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

North Dakota state law sets broad course requirements for all schools, including high school level instruction. NDCC 15.1-21 outlines these requirements. In order to be an approved high school, schools must provide four units of instruction in social studies, including one unit of world history, one unit of United States history, and either one unit of problems of democracy or one-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics. See notes below about alignment of courses to standards.

Geography Courses

Geography is a component of the North Dakota State Social Studies Content Standards. The basis for any geography course work is to be the North Dakota Social Studies Content Standards. The responsibility for any alignment of geography content within courses to the standards and the actual development of curriculum and instruction rests entirely with the local school districts.

Notes

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Standards Documents

North Dakota Content and Achievement Standards:
Social Studies

Adopted: December 2007

The next revision of these standards is planned during the 2014/2015 school year.

<http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/standard/content.shtm>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Refer to the state social studies content standards for the inclusion of geography content across the respective grade levels.

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses.

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Ohio Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Regions and People of the Eastern Hemisphere*

Grade 7: World Studies from 750 B.C. through 1600

A.D.: Ancient Greece to the First Global Age

Grade 8: U.S. Studies from 1492 through Reconstruction

*Grade 5: Regions and people of the Western Hemisphere

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 units (1 unit = full year)

American History (.5 unit)

American Government (.5 unit)

Social Studies (2 units); choice of 2 of the following:

Modern World history

Economics and Financial Literacy

Contemporary World Issues

World Geography

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World Geography

Notes

Used the *Framework for 21st Century Learning* as a framework for 2010 standards.

Standards Documents

Ohio's New Learning Standards: Social Studies
Adopted: June 2010

Next revision: None scheduled*

K-8:

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Academic-Content-Standards/Social-Studies/K-8-Social-Studies-Standards-Updated-September-2012.pdf.aspx>

High School:

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Academic-Content-Standards/Social-Studies/HS-Social-Studies-Standards-UpdatedNovember-2012.pdf.aspx>

*None scheduled due to schools currently implementing 2012 standards.

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
High School World Geography

Geography is a strand in:
All K-8 Social Studies courses.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Oklahoma Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Geography: The Western Hemisphere

Grade 7: World Geography: The Eastern Hemisphere

Grade 8: Creating the United States: The Foundation, Formation, and Transformation of the American Nation, 1754-1877

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 units

United States History (1 unit)

U.S. Government (0.5 unit)

Oklahoma History and Government (0.5 unit)

Choice of the following (1 unit):

History	Geography
Government	Economics
Civics	Non-Western Culture

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World Human Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Oklahoma C3 Standards for the Social Studies
Adopted: 2012

Next revision: 2017-2018

<http://ok.gov/sde/oklahoma-academic-standards>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
Grade 6: World Geography: The Western Hemisphere
Grade 7: World Geography: The Eastern Hemisphere
World Human Geography

Geography is a strand in:
Grade 8: Creating the United States
Oklahoma History and Government
U.S. History: 1878 to the Present
World History

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Oregon Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- each school district determines course offerings and curriculum based on Oregon Social Sciences Content Standards.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- each school district must meet graduation requirements adopted by the State Board of Education and may add additional requirements.

Must take 3 units of Social Studies to meet graduation requirements that must include instruction aligned to State Academic Content Standards in history, civics, geography, and econ.

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Notes

Standards Documents

Oregon Social Sciences Content Standards
Adopted: 2011
Implemented: 2012/2013

Next revision: 2018

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/teachlearn/real/standards/default.aspx>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Pennsylvania Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social Studies courses determined by each school district.

Standards Documents

Pennsylvania State Academic Standards
Adopted: 2009

Next revision: None Scheduled

http://www.pde.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_academic_standards/19721

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

One of three social studies courses:

- American History
- Civics and Government
- World History

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
There are geography standards to guide a class, should local districts decide to offer a geography course.

Information Source

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Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Rhode Island Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- each school district sets local graduation requirements which will include 3 credits of Social Studies/history courses.

Courses are required to be aligned to the Rhode Island Social Studies Grade Span Expectations, as appropriate to the content area and grade level.

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Notes

Standards Documents

Rhode Island Grade Span Expectations (GSEs) for Social Studies
Adopted: 2012

Next revision: None Scheduled

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Social-Studies-GSEs>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All the Rhode Island Grade Expectation Span for Social Studies for all grade levels.

Information Source

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
website: <http://www.ride.ri.gov>
Basic Education Program (BEP):
<http://www.ride.ri.gov/BEP>
RI Regulations: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/Regulations>
Graduation Requirement Regulations:
<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Graduation-Requirement-Regulations>
Civics & Social Studies page:
<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Social-Studies>

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

South Carolina Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Early Cultures to 1600
 Grade 7: Contemporary Cultures 1600-Present
 Grade 8: South Carolina: One of the United States

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 units (1 unit = 1 year)

United States History and the Constitution (1 credit)
 Economics (0.5 unit)
 U.S. Government (0.5 unit)
 Choice between (1 unit):
 World History from 1300
 World Geography

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
 World Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

South Carolina Social Studies Academic Standards
 Adopted: August 2011

Next revision: 2017

<http://ed.sc.gov/agency/se/Instructional-Practices-and-Evaluations/documents/FINALAPPROVEDSSStandardsAugust182011.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 World Geography

Geography is a strand in:
 Grade 6: Early Cultures to 1600
 Grade 7: Contemporary Cultures 1600-Present
 World History from 1300
 United States History and the Constitution

Information Source

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

South Dakota Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social Studies courses are determined by each school district and based on the South Dakota Department of Education Content Standards.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 units

U.S. History (1 unit)

World History (0.5 unit)

World Geography (0.5 unit)

U.S. Government (0.5 unit)

Social Studies Elective (0.5 unit)

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Notes

Standards Documents

South Dakota Department of Education Content Standards
Adopted: 2005

Next revision: 2015

<http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/index.aspx>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses.

Information Source

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<http://doe.sd.gov>

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Tennessee Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies
Grade 7: Social Studies
Grade 8: Social Studies

Standards Documents

Tennessee Social Studies Curriculum Standards
Adopted: 2013-2014

Next revision: None Scheduled

<http://www.tn.gov/education/ci/ss/index.shtml>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 units

U.S. History (1 credit)
Economics (0.5 credit)
Government (0.5 credit)
Choice between (1 credit):
 World History
 World Geography

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
 World Geography
 AP World Geography

Geography Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 World Geography
 AP World Geography

Geography is a strand in:
 All K- Social Studies courses.

Information Source

Department of Education website:
<http://www.tn.gov/education/>

Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Texas Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies (Contemporary World Cultures)

Grade 7: Social Studies (Texas History)

Grade 8: Social Studies (U.S. History)

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits

United States History: Studies since 1877 (1 credit)

U.S. Government (0.5 credit)

Economics (0.5 credit)

Choice between (1 credit):

World History Studies

World Geography Studies

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World Geography Studies

AP Human Geography

Notes

Used *Geography for Life* (1994) as a framework for creating geography standards.

Standards Documents

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies

Adopted: 2010

Implemented: 2011-2012

Next revision: 2017

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter113/index.html>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

9-12 World Geography

AP Human Geography

Geography is a strand in:

All K-8 Social Studies courses

9-12 U.S. History: 1877-Present

9-12 World History Studies

9-12 United States Government

Information Source

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Utah Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 7: Utah Studies

Grade 8: U.S. History I (to Reconstruction)

Standards Documents

Utah State Office of Education Core Standards for Social Studies

Adopted: August 2010

Next revision: 2013

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/CURR/socialstudies/Content/SoSt7-12.aspx>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits

U.S. History (1 credit)

Geography for Life (0.5 credit)

World Civilizations (0.5 credit)

U.S. Government and Citizenship (0.5 credit)

General Financial Literacy (0.5 credit)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
Geography for Life

Geography is a strand in:
All K-8 Social Studies courses.

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

AP Human Geography

Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

GIS Remote Sensing

Information Source

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Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Vermont Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- each school district determines course offerings and curriculum based Vermont Agency of Education Grade Expectations.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- graduation requirements are determined by each school district, 3 to 4 years.

Typically

World History (1 year)

U.S. History (1 year)

Elective (1-2 years)

Civics, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, Current Issues, Psychology, Economics (with many AP options at various levels)

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Notes

Standards Documents

Vermont Agency of Education Grade Expectations:
Adopted: 2000

Next revision: None Scheduled

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_curriculum/history.html

Common Core
21st Century Standards

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Virginia Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits

U.S. and Virginia History (1 credit)

U.S. and Virginia Government (1 credit)

Choose one of the following (1 credit):

World History

World Geography

World History and Geography (combination course)

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:

World History and Geography to 1500

World History and Geography 1500-Present

World Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Virginia Department of Education Standards of Learning (SOL) & Testing
Adopted: 2008

Next revision: 2014

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/history_socialscience/

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

9-12 World History and Geography to 1500

9-12 World History and Geography 1500-Present

9-12 World Geography

Geography is a strand in:

All K-8 Social Studies courses.

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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Washington Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies
Grade 7: Social Studies
Grade 8: Social Studies

Standards Documents

State of Washington Social Studies Learning Standards
Adopted: 2013

Next revision: None Scheduled

<http://www.k12.wa.us/socialstudies/ealrs-gles.aspx>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

2.5 Units

U.S. History and Government (1 credit)
Contemporary World History, Geography, and Problems (1 credit)

Washington State History and Government (0.5 credit)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
All K-12 Social Studies courses.

Geography Courses

No other geography courses are offered.

Information Source

State Board of Education website:
<http://www.sbe.wa.gov>

Notes

K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

West Virginia Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies
 Grade 7: Social Studies
 Grade 8: West Virginia History

Standards Documents

Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives
 for Social Studies in West Virginia Schools
 Adopted: March 2012

Next revision: None Scheduled

<http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=23480&Format=PDF>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Grade 9: World Studies
 Grade 10: United State History
 Grade 11: Contemporary Studies
 Grade 12: Civics for the Next generation

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
 All K-12 Social Studies courses.

Geography Courses

Grade 9-12:
 World Geography
 AP Human Geography

Notes

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Wisconsin Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social Studies courses are determined by each school district and the curriculum must meet all the standards set by the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 credits required by state statute

Local control state- graduation requirements are determined by each school district and the curriculum must meet all the standards set by the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies.

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district and the curriculum must meet all the standards set by the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies.

Notes

Standards Documents

Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies

Adopted: 1998

Next revision: None Scheduled

http://standards.dpi.wi.gov/stn_ssintro#content

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.
Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses.

Wyoming Information

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social Studies courses are determined by each school district.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

3 years

Must include history, American government and economic systems and institutions. This does not mean they must take only a history, government, and economics course, but the courses they choose must include these topics.

Geography Courses

Local control state- geography course offerings are determined by each school district.

Notes

National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) *Curriculum Standards for Social Studies* was used as a framework for 2008 standards.

Standards Documents

Wyoming Social Studies Content and Performance Standards

Adopted: November 2008

Next revision: 2014

http://edu.wyoming.gov/sf-docs/publications/Standards_2008_Social_Studies_PDF.pdf?sfvrsn=0

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a strand in:
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