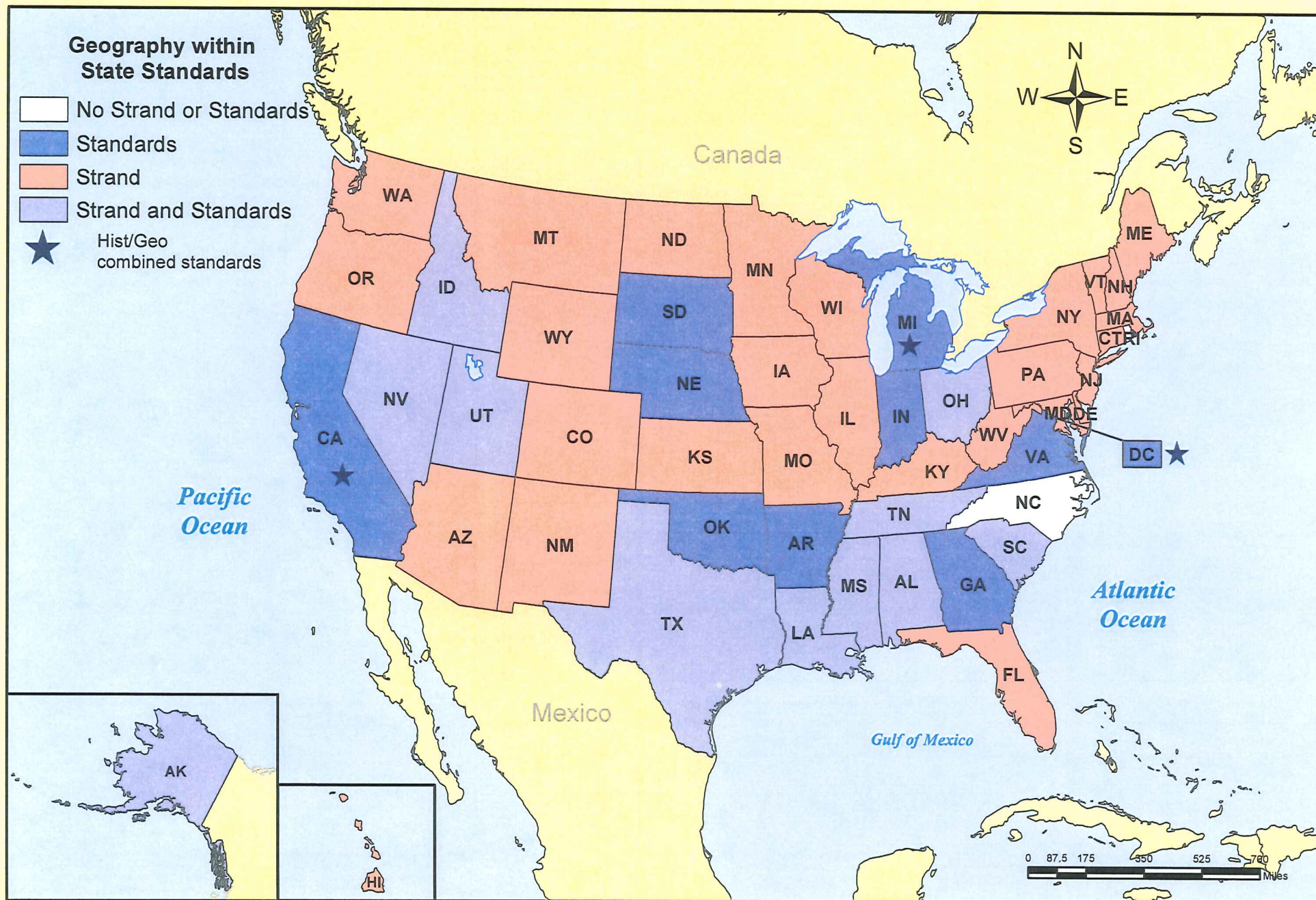


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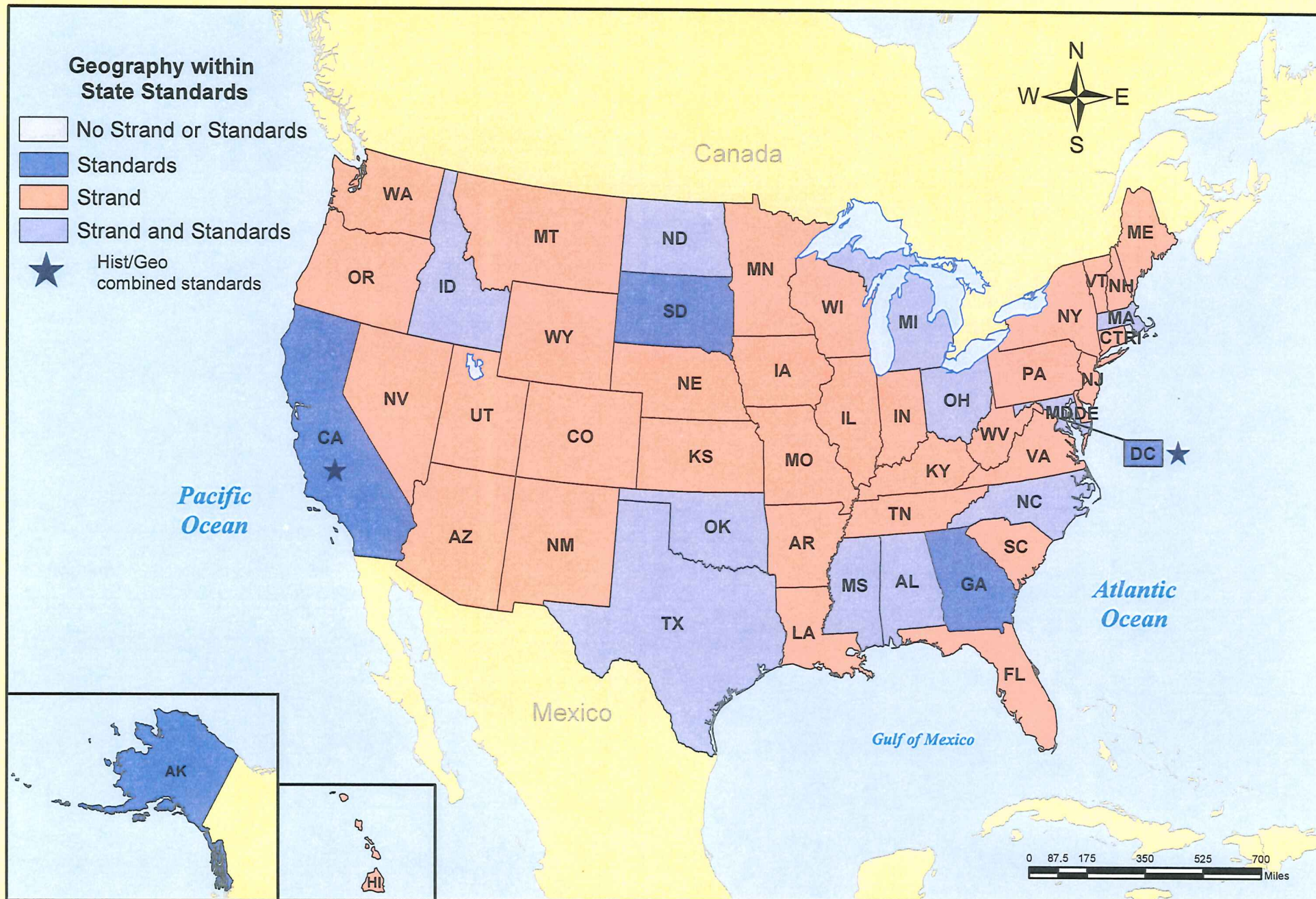
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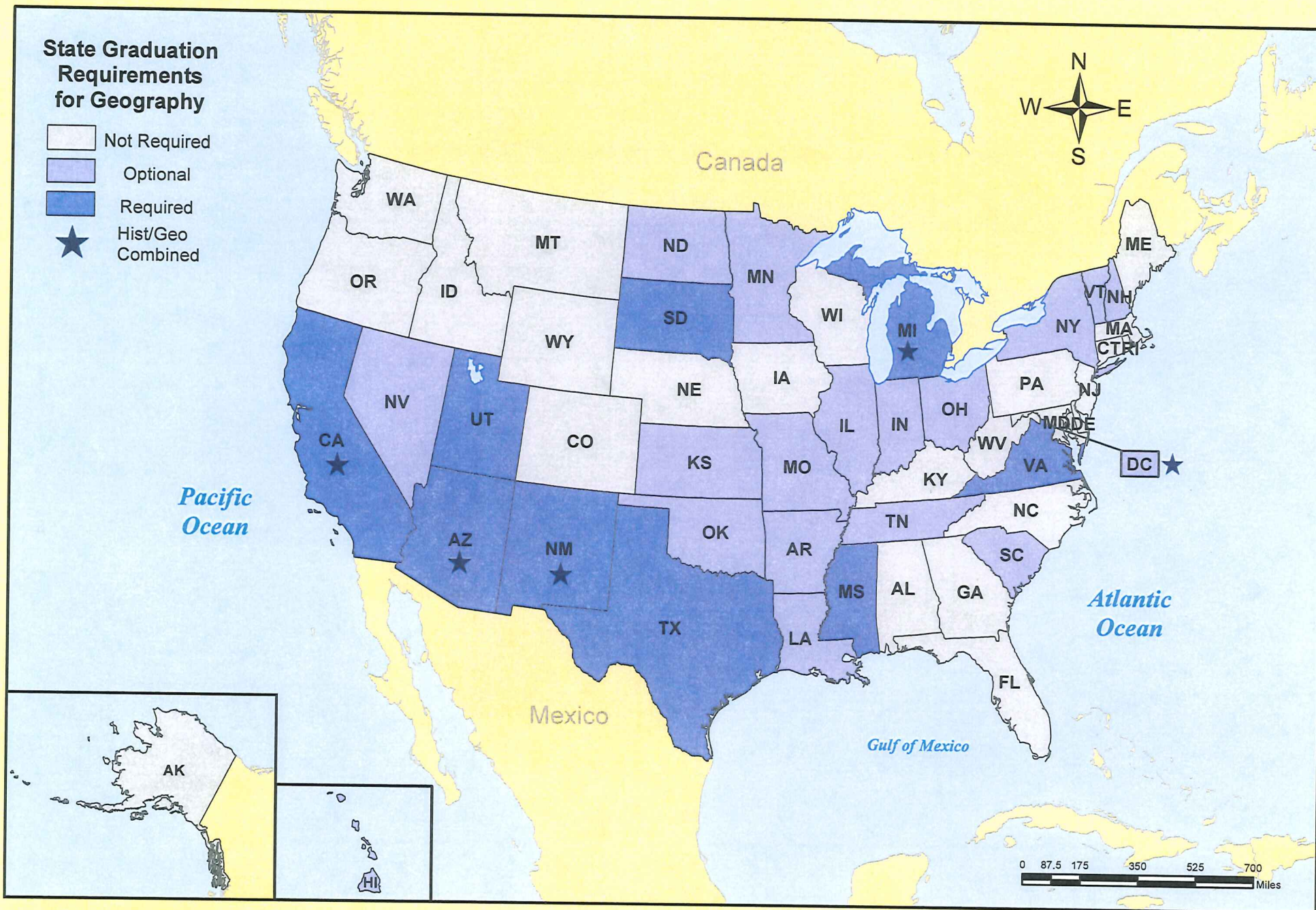
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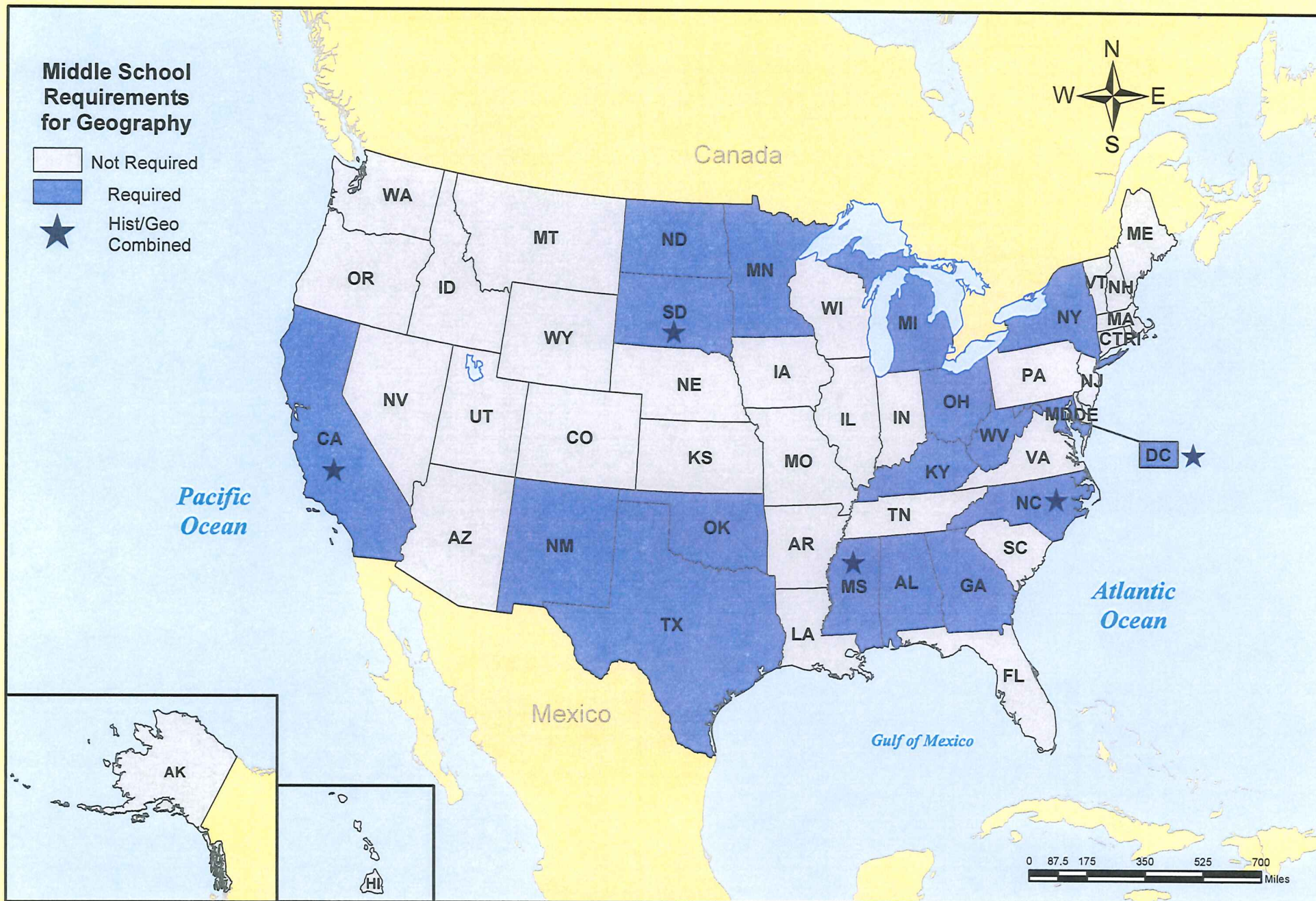
## Middle School Geography Standards 2012





## High School Geography Requirements 2012





## Middle School Geography Requirements 2012








# Middle & High School Geography Requirements

Fall 2011

State	MS	HS
Alabama	Y	N*
Alaska	N*	N*
Arizona	N	Y*
Arkansas	N	Y**
California	Y*	Y*
Colorado	N*	N*
Connecticut	N*	N*
Delaware	N*	N*
Florida	N*	N
Georgia	Y	N
Hawaii	N*	Y**
Idaho	N*	N*
Illinois	N*	Y**
Indiana	N	Y**
Iowa	N	N*
Kansas	N*	Y**
Kentucky	Y	N*
Louisiana	N	Y**
Maine	N*	N
Maryland	Y	N
Massachusetts	N*	N*
Michigan	Y	Y*
Minnesota	Y	Y**
Mississippi	Y*	Y
Missouri	N	Y**
Montana	N*	N*

State	MS	HS
Nebraska	N*	N*
Nevada	N*	Y**
New Hampshire	N	Y**
New Jersey	N*	N
New Mexico	Y	Y*
New York	Y	Y**
North Carolina	Y*	N
North Dakota	Y	Y**
Ohio	Y	Y**
Oklahoma	Y	Y**
Oregon	N*	N*
Pennsylvania	N*	N*
Rhode Island	N*	N*
South Carolina	N	Y**
South Dakota	Y*	Y
Tennessee	N	Y**
Texas	Y	Y
Utah	N	Y
Vermont	N*	Y**
Virginia	N	Y
Washington	N*	N*
Washington D.C.	Y*	Y*
West Virginia	Y	N
Wisconsin	N*	N*
Wyoming	N*	N*


-  Y: Geography is a required course.
-  Y\*: Combine, Geography is part of a History & Geography course.
-  Y\*\*: Optional; Geography may be chosen by either a school district or student to fulfill a state Social Studies Requirement.
-  N: No Geography course is required.
-  N\*: Local Control; Individual districts may require Geography.





# Geography's Place within Social Studies Standards

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State	MS	HS
Alabama	Strand Standards (Geography, Grade 7)	Strand Standards (Human & Physical Geography Electives)
Alaska	Standards	Strand Standards
Arizona	Strand	Strand
Arkansas	Strand	Standards (Geography Electives)
California	Standards (Integrated with History standards)	Standards (Integrated with History standards)
Colorado	Strand	Strand
Connecticut	Strand	Strand
Delaware	Strand	Strand
Florida	Strand	Strand
Georgia	Standards (World Area Studies, Grades 6 – 7)	Standards (World Geography Elective)
Hawaii	Strand	Strand
Idaho	Strand Standards (Eastern and Western Hemispheres Courses)	Strand Standards (Eastern and Western Hemispheres Courses)
Illinois	Strand	Strand
Indiana	Strand	Standards (Geography)
Iowa	Strand	Strand
Kansas	Strand	Strand
Kentucky	Strand	Strand
Louisiana	Strand	Strand Standards (World Geography Grade Level Expectations)
Maine	Strand	Strand
Maryland	Strand Standards (World Cultural Geography)	Strand

 **Strand:** Identified Geography strand within the Social Studies standards. The strand may sometimes be identified as an individual “standard” that is integrated throughout the Social Studies standards.

 **Standards:** A separate set of standards specifically for Geography content. These are usually tied to a specific course.

 **Strand & Standards:** Some states have standards for Geography course(s) and also strands within the various Social Studies courses.



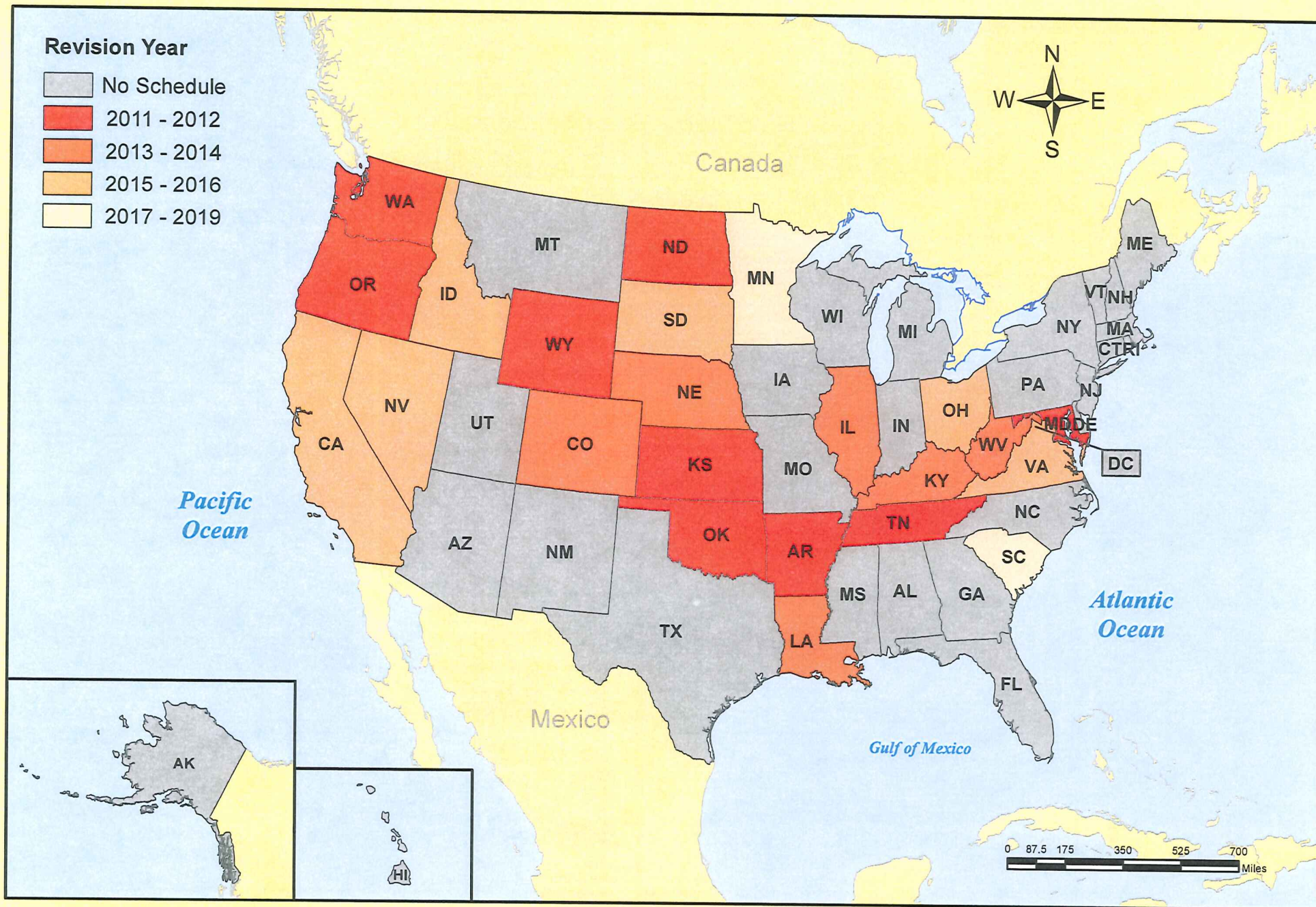
# Geography's Place within Social Studies Standards

Fall 2011

State	MS	HS
Massachusetts	Strand Standards (World Geography)	Strand
Michigan	Strand Standards (Western and Eastern Hemisphere Studies)	Standards (Integrated with History standards)
Minnesota	Strand	Strand
Mississippi	Strand Standards (World Geography & Citizenship)	Strand Standards (Intro to World Geography)
Missouri	Strand	Strand
Montana	Strand	Strand
Nebraska	Strand	Standards (World Geography)
Nevada	Strand	Strand Standards (Geography Course)
New Hampshire	Strand	Strand
New Jersey	Strand	Strand
New Mexico	Strand	Strand
New York	Strand	Strand
North Carolina	Strand Standards (World Geography, History, & Culture courses)	No Strand No Standards
North Dakota	Strand Standards (Geography, Grade 7)	Strand
Ohio	Strand Standards (Regions and the People of the Eastern Hemisphere, Grade 6)	Strand Standards (World Geography)
Oklahoma	Strand Standards (World Geography, Grade 7)	Standards (Geography)
Oregon	Strand	Strand
Pennsylvania	Strand	Strand

State	MS	HS
Rhode Island	No Strand No Standards	No Strand No Standards
South Carolina	Strand	Strand Standards (Global Studies)
South Dakota	Standards (Geography, Grade 7)	Standards (Geography)
Tennessee	Strand	Strand Standards (Geography Elective)
Texas	Strand Standards (Contemporary World Cultures, Grade 6)	Strand Standards (World Geography)
Utah	Strand	Strand Standards (Geography For Life)
Vermont	Strand	Strand
Virginia	Strand	Standards
Washington	Strand	Strand
Washington D.C.	Standards (Integrated with History standards)	Standards (Integrated with History standards)
West Virginia	Strand	Strand
Wisconsin	Strand (Standards are Tested Grade 8)	Strand (Standards are Tested Grade 12)
Wyoming	Strand	Strand





## State Standards Revision Schedule



# Social Studies Revision Schedule

Fall 2011

State	Last Revision	Planned Revision
Alabama	2010	None Scheduled
Alaska	2006	None Scheduled
Arizona	2006	None Scheduled
Arkansas	2006	2012
California	1998	2015-2016
Colorado	2009	2014
Connecticut	2011	None Scheduled
Delaware	2010	None Scheduled
Florida	2008	None Scheduled
Georgia	2008	None Scheduled
Hawaii	2006	None Scheduled
Idaho	2009	2015
Illinois	1997	2014
Indiana	2011-2012	None Scheduled
Iowa	2008	None Scheduled
Kansas	2004	2012
Kentucky	2006	2013
Louisiana	2004	2014
Maine	2007	None Scheduled
Maryland	2010	2012
Massachusetts	2003	None Scheduled
Michigan	2008-2009	None Scheduled
Minnesota	2010	2019-2020
Mississippi	2010	None Scheduled
Missouri	1996	None Scheduled
Montana	2010	None Scheduled

State	Last Revision	Planned Revision
Nebraska	2003	2013
Nevada	2008	2015
New Hampshire	2006	None Scheduled
New Jersey	2009	None Scheduled
New Mexico	2001	None Scheduled
New York	1996	None Scheduled
North Carolina	2010	None Scheduled
North Dakota	2007	2012
Ohio	2010	2015
Oklahoma	2002	2012
Oregon	2001	2011
Pennsylvania	2010-2011	None Scheduled
Rhode Island	2008	None Scheduled
South Carolina	2011	2018
South Dakota	2006	2015-2016
Tennessee	2010-2011	2012-2013
Texas	2010	None Scheduled
Utah	2002	None Scheduled
Vermont	2004	None Scheduled
Virginia	2007-2008	2015
Washington	2008	2011-2012
Washington D.C.	2006	None Scheduled
West Virginia	2007	2014-2015
Wisconsin	1998	None Scheduled
Wyoming	2008	2012



# Social Studies Revision Schedule

Fall 2011

No Schedule	2011-2012	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2019
Alabama	Arkansas	Colorado	California	Minnesota
Alaska	Kansas	Illinois	Idaho	South Carolina
Arizona	Maryland	Kentucky	Nevada	
Connecticut	North Dakota	Louisiana	Ohio	
Delaware	Oklahoma	Nebraska	South Dakota	
Florida	Oregon	West Virginia	Virginia	
Georgia	Tennessee			
Hawaii	Washington			
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State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
Alabama	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: United States Studies 1877 to Present Grade 7: Civics; Geography (One semester each) Grade 8: World History to 1500</p> <p>Geography (Grade 7) is offered at both on-level and Honors levels.</p> <p>Regarding the content for the 7th grade Geography course: "These issues and others are explored in two one-semester courses in Grade 7. The Citizenship course addresses democracy; liberty; law; personal economics; and local, state, and national civic responsibility. The Geography course addresses physical Geography of the world and cultural Geography of the Eastern Hemisphere."</p>	<p>4 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>Specific course or course topics are not required, local control.</p> <p>In the Social Studies Standards document, however, they have standards for the following courses (with grade levels noted): World History: 1500 to the Present (9) United States History to 1877 (10) United States History to 1877 to the Present (11) Contemporary Issues, Psychology, Sociology, World Geography-Physical, World Geography-Human (9-12) United States Government, Economics (12) Human Geography, Physical Geography, (elective 9-12)</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>Middle School: Grade 7, Geography (1 semester)</p> <p>High School: Offered only as elective at HS level</p>
Alaska	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Local Control determines courses</p> <p>Districts determine the courses that are offered, and Geography is not required</p>	<p>3.5 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>½ Credit Alaska History 3 Credits : Social Studies courses; Local Control</p> <p>According to the Alaska DOE website "To receive a high school diploma, Alaska students must earn at least 21 credits, and some school districts require more. The State Board of Education and Early Development stipulates that students must earn four credits in language arts, three in Social Studies (including one half-credit in Alaska History), two each in math and science,</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>Each district is to develop graduation requirements that must include the state specified number of credits for each subject.</p>



State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
		<p>one in health/physical education. The requirement for Alaska History can be met by demonstrating mastery of the state standards in the subject."</p> <p>According to an email the Arkansas DOE Curriculum Alignment Specialist stated that 3.5 credits of Social Studies is required for graduation. Therefore, for the purpose of explaining the credits, a half credit was added to the remaining 2.5 credits for the "Social Studies courses; Local Control" to make it a total of 3 credits. Local school districts determine the required courses to make up these credits. Geography is not explicitly a requirement.</p>	
Arizona	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World History; Grade 7: World &amp; American History; Grade 8: American History</p> <p>"There is a Geography Strand in the Social Studies Standards that is expected to be taught in the context of Social Studies in K-8."</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: American History (incl. Arizona History) 1 Credit: World History &amp; Geography ½ Credit: American Government (Inc. Arizona Government) ½ Credit: Economics</p> <p>Note: These requirements are new. The graduating class of 2012 is the first group of students required to take 3 Social Studies credits. Previously, students were required to take 2 ½ credits.)</p>	<p>MS: No HS: Yes, Combined History and Geography course</p>



State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
Arkansas	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Although these courses are called “Social Studies,” they seem to have a focus on U.S. History in Grade 6 and World History in Grade 7 &amp; 8 (Ancient Civilizations and Contemporary World, respectively). No specific Social Studies courses are taught until high school. Geography is a strand included in the Social Studies course.</p> <p>“The K-8 Social Studies Curriculum Framework is required to be taught in its entirety. There are four strands in the K-8 Social Studies Framework: Geography, History, Civics, &amp; Economics. Arkansas does not teach [specific] courses in grades K-8.”</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: World History 1 Credit: US History ½ Credit: Civics OR Government ½ Credit: Elective, Geography may fulfill this requirement.</p> <p>The World Geography course is a 1/2 credit elective for grades 9-12; it is a district decision about whether to offer the course or not.</p>	<p>MS: No HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>Middle School: Geography is required to be an integrated part of the in Social Studies in grades K-8</p> <p>High School: Social Studies-- 3 Credits are required, Geography is a choice for an elective.</p>
California	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World History and Geography: Ancient Civilizations Grade 7: World History and Geography: Medieval and Early Modern Times Grade 8: United States History and Geography: Growth and Conflict</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: US History &amp; Geography 1 Credit: World History, Culture, and Geography 1/2 Credit: Government 1/2 Credit: Economics</p> <p>Some districts offer Geography as a 9th grade elective.</p>	<p>MS: Yes, Combined History and Geography course HS: Yes, Combined History and Geography course</p> <p>Geography is integrated within Social Studies/History courses: "Education Code (EC) Section 51225.3 specifically mentions that the required courses in World and United States History include Geography."</p>



State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
<b>Colorado</b>	<p>No Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>There are no specific Social Studies requirements in middle school.</p> <p>Courses determined by school districts; local control state</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>U.S. History and Civil Government required World History Recommended Other Credits: Determined locally</p> <p>Note: CO requires “6 credits” of Social Science where each credit is 1 semester. For this document, however, 1 credit is equal to one year. Therefore the above listing of credits will change the CO “credits” to make the information consistent with this document.</p> <p>"Colorado State Law requires the teaching of U.S. History, Colorado History, Colorado Government, and U.S. Government. In addition, the study of these subjects is the only graduation requirement that all districts must follow/adopt. The Colorado law with this information is 22-1-104, teaching of history, culture, and civil government. "</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>On or before December 15, 2011 the State Board of Education (SBE) shall adopt a comprehensive set of graduation guidelines. The deadline has been extended.</p> <p>Each school district board of education shall retain the authority to develop its own unique high school graduation requirements, so long as those local high school graduation requirements meet or exceed SBE guidelines.</p>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Social Studies courses are determined at the local level</p> <p>Social Studies is required; "We do not have courses by grade level required by state."</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>Courses determined at local level</p> <p>Recommended Plan 1 Credit: International/World Studies 1 Credit: American History ½ Credit: Civics ½ Credit: Social Studies elective</p> <p>As of 2014, 3 credits of Social Studies will be</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p>



State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
		required with the above recommended courses. Local districts have the final say with regard to specific courses offered.	
<b>Delaware</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Social Studies courses determined at the local level.</p> <p>The State recommends the following:            Grade 6: Global Studies            Grade 7: Contemporary Issues            Grade 8: U.S. History</p> <p>The state does not know how many districts follow their recommendations.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: US History            2 Credits: Local Control decision</p> <p>US History is now required as 1 of the 3 credits.</p> <p>Recommended Curriculum:            Grade 9 Regional Planning;            Grade 10 Enhanced Economics;            Grade 11 U.S. History; with Geography as a "recommended target for assessment and instruction";            Grade 12 World History (elective) with Geography as a "recommended target for assessment and instruction.")</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control            HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>NOTE: Geography is recommended in Middle School and is recommended as a "target assessment" in high school.</p> <p>"Social Studies" means those components of Civics, Economics, Geography, and History that are included the State Content Standards for high school Social Studies as required in 14 DE Admin. Code 501 either through integrated courses or in course titles such as United States History, World History, Geography, Economics, and Civics. "</p>
<b>Florida</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Social Studies courses are determined at the local level.</p> <p>½ Credit (1 semester): Civics/ State &amp; Federal Government required (usually taught at Grade 7).</p> <p>Social Studies is required at the middle school level, but there aren't set courses. 1 semester</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: World History            1 Credit: US History            ½ Credit: US Government            ½ Credit: Economics</p> <p>There are no set years for the courses; the benchmarks were written for grades 9-12, for all the courses.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control            HS: No</p> <p>Geography is included in the majority of the courses that are required; it is included in the benchmarks. Geography is not required for graduation.</p>



State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
	<p>must be a Civics/State and Federal Government course; most districts teach it at the 7th grade because it is the year for which the benchmarks were written. It is not, however, required to be taught in the 7th grade.</p> <p>Geography is not required, but can be offered as an elective.</p>		
<b>Georgia</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World Area Studies (Latin America, Canada, Australia, and Europe) Grade 7: World Area Studies (Africa and Asia) Grade 8: Georgia Studies</p> <p>Although Georgia does not name their courses “Geography,” the World Area Studies are Geography courses.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1/2 Credit: American Government/Civics 1/2 Credit: Economics 1 Credit: US History 1 Credit: World History (Geography is integrated in the 2 history courses.)</p> <p>World Geography is offered in some districts as an elective; It is also integrated into other Social Studies courses. These requirements are new – first implemented with the freshman class of 2008.</p> <p>The HS World Geography course is not a requirement or a choice for HS graduation.</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: No</p> <p>Although Geography has been 13% of the Georgia HS graduation test, there is no separate Geography requirement. The test is being phased out.</p>
<b>Hawaii</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: Social Studies Grade 7: Social Studies (2 semesters) Grade 8: Social Studies</p>	<p>4 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1/2 Credit: Modern History of Hawaii 1/2 Credit: Participation in Democracy 1 Credit: US History and Government 1 Credit: Elective (Geography can fulfill elective requirement)</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: Yes, Choice</p>



State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
	<p>3 years of Social Studies, but no specific courses are mentioned in the Authorized Course Code Numbers: 1 full year at grades 6 and 8, and 2 semesters in grade 7, but no subjects defined.</p> <p>It appears that Grade 6 focuses on World History; Grade 7 focuses on the Pacific Islands and the History of the Hawaiian Kingdom; and Grade 8 focuses on U.S. History. Local districts make the final course determination.</p>	<p>Geography can be an elective taken during the senior year.</p>	
Idaho	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>There are no mandated grades for courses, but what is common is Western Hemisphere in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Eastern Hemisphere in 7<sup>th</sup>, and World History in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (there is no scope and sequence in Idaho).</p> <p>Local districts determine courses to teach for each grade level.</p>	<p>5 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>Local control</p> <p>5 credits of Social Studies (US History, Economics, and American government) are required; a credit is approximately a semester. (Note: Idaho requirements are not by semesters, but by hours; a credit is equal to 60 hours of instruction.)</p> <p>Although districts determine the courses required, the Social Studies standards list the "Content by Grade" in this manner:          6th-9th grade: Geography Eastern Hemisphere          6th-9th grade: Geography Western Hemisphere          6th-9th grade: World History and Civilization          6th-12th U.S. History 1, American Government, Economics, and U.S. History II</p>	<p>MS: No, local control          HS: No, local control</p> <p>Middle School: Yes: Eastern &amp; Western Hemispheres, usually taught at 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> grade, but not necessarily</p> <p>High School: Geography may be offered as an elective, but it is not one of the mandated 5 credits.</p>

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Illinois	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Specific courses determined by the local school district; local control state.</p> <p>"There are no mandated courses. All students must pass a US constitution in middle schools so American History is usually taught."</p>	<p>2 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: History of the United States OR History of the United States and Government</p> <p>1 Credit: Elective, Choice between Geography, Illinois History, and Civics</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control</p> <p>HS: Yes, Optional</p>
Indiana	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>The courses are called "Social Studies" K – 8; these courses integrate all strands of Social Studies and must follow the approved standards.</p> <p>Geography is one of the 4 strands or subject areas of the courses and the subjects or focus of each year is:</p> <p>Grade 6: "The development of modern Europe and America from early civilizations through modern times"</p> <p>Grade 7: "Development of Africa, Asia and the Southwest Pacific from ancient civilizations to modern times"</p> <p>Grade 8: "Development of United States history, including review of key ideas related to the colonization of America and the revolution and Founding Era.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: US History</p> <p>½ Credit: US Government</p> <p>½ Credit: Economics</p> <p>1 Credit: World History and Civilizations of the World OR Geography and History of the World <i>(Each of these courses are a semester, ½ credit, long and must be combined in the prescribed way above.)</i></p> <p>6 Social Studies credits required. (<u>Note</u>: A credit here is equal to one semester. To remain consistent with the rest of this document, however, the course listing at the top reflects 1 credit equal to a year.)</p> <p>The new Core 40 Diploma does not allow the one-semester Geography credit to count for the Core 40 Social Studies requirement; however, schools may still offer the one-semester Geography course for elective credit.</p>	<p>MS: No</p> <p>HS: Yes, Choice</p>



State	Social Studies MS Requirement	Social Studies HS Requirement	Geography Required
		Note: The 2 Credits: World History/ Civilization or Geography/History of the World refers to a pairing of course choices –either a semester of World History & a semester of the Civilization of the World OR a semester of Geography & a semester of the History of the World. The choice is made at the district level. Some larger school districts may allow the students to choose.	
Iowa	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>These courses are called “Social Studies.”</p> <p>Junior High -- Grades 7-8: Social Studies. Social Studies instruction shall include citizenship education, history and social sciences. Democratic beliefs and values, problem–solving skills, and social and political participation skills shall be incorporated. Instruction shall encompass history, economics, Geography, government including American citizenship, behavioral sciences, and the cultures of other peoples and nations. Strategies for continued development of positive self–perceptions shall be infused.</p> <p>"At the Middle School level, Geography is encompassed in the Social Studies courses, but there is no separate Geography course"</p>	<p>2 1/2 Social Studies Credits (5 Units):</p> <p>US History Iowa Government</p> <p>According to the DOE website, 5 Social Studies units are required for graduation with only US History and Iowa Government required.</p> <p>"... There are not, however, any required courses other than U.S. History and Iowa Government; it is up to the districts to set their own graduation requirements."</p> <p>5 Social Studies units are required where 1 unit = 1 semester. (For the purpose of this document and to remain consistent, 1 credit = 1 year. Therefore, 2 1/2 Credits are required.)</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>"...Geography is included in the Iowa Core K-12. There is no mandated course."</p> <p>Currently the state does not designate a minimum number of courses needed to graduate, but does require that students take U.S. history and Iowa government and physical education in order to graduate. Districts are required to establish their own graduation requirements that include the types of courses and number of credits.</p>

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Kansas	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Courses to be determined at the local level.</p> <p>Grade 7: 1 semester, World Geography; suggested, not actually required.</p> <p>"Kansas is a local control state, that means that school district determine their own curriculum. We have suggested in our scope and sequence that Geography be integrated in grades K-6 with a specific course being taught at grade 7. Most schools follow that suggested sequence and add at least one elective class grades 9-12. We do not require Geography to be taught at grade 7."</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: World History 1 Credit: US History integrated with Kansas History 1/2 Credit: Civics/Government 1/2 Credit: Elective, Geography may fulfill this requirement.</p> <p>"The three units must include 1 of U.S. History, 1 of World History, and 1/2 of American government, and 1/2 in electives which would include History, Government, Geography, or Economics."</p> <p>Recommended Scope and Sequence: - World History (Renaissance to present) - United States History with Kansas History integrated into coursework (1900 to present) - Civics-Government</p> <p>"...In order to be accredited schools should require these courses."</p>	<p>MS: No, local control HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>Not required at either level: Local control state</p> <p>Most schools follow that suggested scope and sequence for both middle school and high school; many also add at least one elective class grades 9-12. Kansas does not require Geography be taught at grade 7.</p>
Kentucky	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World Geography Grade 7: World Civilization Grade 8: American History</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>There are no specific courses to fulfill the requirement, but courses must incorporate content strands from a historical perspective for: U.S. &amp; World History, Government/Civics, Geography, Economics, &amp; Culture/Society.</p> <p>Local control.</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>World Geography is required in middle school, but no specific course of Geography is required in high school</p>



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Louisiana	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World History Grade 7: U.S. History Grade 8: Louisiana History, Economics, and Civics</p>	<p>Students may choose from 3 Curriculum Tracks for graduation:</p> <p><u>Track 1</u> <u>College &amp; Career Diploma:</u> <u>Basic Core Curriculum:</u> 3 Social Studies Credits: 1 Credit: Civics OR 1/2 Credit: Civics and 1/2 Credit: Free Enterprise 1 Credit: U.S. History 1 Credit: (Choose one) World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, or AP European History</p> <p><u>Track 2:</u> <u>College &amp; Career Diploma:</u> <u>LA Core 4 Curriculum:</u> 4 Social Studies Credits: 1 Credit of Civics OR 1/2 Credit: Civics and 1/2 Credit: Free Enterprise 1 Credit: U.S. History 1 Credit: (Choose one) World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, or AP European History 1 Unit from the following: World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, AP European History, Civics (second semester – ½ credit), Law Studies, Psychology, Sociology, or African American Studies</p> <p><u>Track 3:</u> <u>Career Diploma:</u> 3 Social Studies Credits:</p>	<p>MS: No HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>Geography is not required in middle school and high school, but could be taken as an elective in high school towards graduation.</p>

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		1 Credit: U.S. History 1 Credit: Civics OR 1/2 Credit: Civics and 1/2 Credit: Free Enterprise 1 Credit: (Choose one) Child Psychology and Parenthood Education, Law Studies, Psychology, Sociology, World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, Economics, American Government, African American Studies, or approved local courses.	
<b>Maine</b>	Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8  There are no specific course requirements for middle school. Scope & Sequence and curriculum decisions are made at the local level. Maine is a local control state.	2 Social Studies Credits:  Two years of history is required which must include American History, Government, and Civics.	MS: No, Local Control HS: No  A Geography course is not required. However, the Maine Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction include Geography standards for all grade spans.
<b>Maryland</b>	Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8  Grade 6: Ancient World History Grade 7: World Cultural Geography Grade 8: American History	3 Social Studies Credits:  1 Credit: Local, State, and National Government 1 Credit: U.S. History 1 Credit : Modern World History	MS: Yes HS: No  Geography is required to be taught and assessed in Social Studies, but not a specific requirement in HS.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8  Courses determined locally. The following curriculum is recommended by state: Grade 6: World Geography Grade 7: Ancient and Classical Civilizations  These courses are recommended, the final decisions are made at the School District Level.	2 Courses Required: American History and Civics  3 Social Studies Credits Recommended by MassCore; however, the final say still rests at the school district level. State law requires American History and Civics	MS: No, Recommended HS: No  Courses determined at the school district level for middle and high school regarding Social Studies requirements.



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<b>Michigan</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: Western Hemisphere Studies Grade 7: Eastern Hemisphere Studies Grade 8: Integrated U.S. History</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History &amp; Geography 1 Credit: World History &amp; Geography 1/2 Credit: Civics 1/2 Credit: Economics</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: Yes, Combined History and Geography course</p> <p>Geography is embedded in Area Studies courses in middle school and combined with history in high school as outlined in the content area expectations. Geography is a separate strand in the state studies standards.</p>
<b>Minnesota</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: Minnesota Studies Grade 7: U.S. Studies Grade 8: World Studies</p>	<p>3 1/2 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>Credits must encompass U.S. history, Geography, World History, Economics, and Government/Citizenship. Economics may be taught in Social Studies, Business, or Agriculture Education departments. Therefore the requirements could be 3 Social Studies and 1/2 Economics. Local Control</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: Yes, Local Control (Optional)</p> <p>Geography is required in high school according to the state requirements for graduation. School districts can choose to determine their own graduation requirements</p>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World Geography &amp; Citizenship Grade 7: World History from Pre-Historic to Age of Enlightenment Grade 8: U.S. History from Exploration through Reconstruction</p>	<p>4 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: World History 1 Credit: U.S. History ½ Credit: Introduction to World Geography 1/2 Credit: U.S. Government 1/2 Credit: Economics 1/2 Credit: Mississippi Studies</p>	<p>MS: Yes, Combine History and Geography course HS: Yes</p> <p>Geography is required in high school according to the state requirements for graduation. School districts can choose to determine their own graduation requirements</p>

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<b>Missouri</b>	<p>No Social Studies required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>There is no requirement for Social Studies in middle school.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History 1/2 Credit: American Government 1 ½ Credits: Electives, Geography may fulfill this requirement.</p>	<p>MS: No HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>There are no Geography requirements in middle and high school. Geography can be used to fulfill the graduation requirements as an elective.</p>
<b>Montana</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grade 6 – 8</p> <p>The state requires “Social Studies” programs at these levels. (per Rule: 10.55.902)</p> <p>Local control.</p>	<p>3 Credits: Social Studies (per Rule 10.55.904) Courses to be determined locally.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p>
<b>Nebraska</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grades 5-8 Social Studies classes should include content regarding United States History, World History, Nebraska History, Geography, Civics/Government, Economics (per the standards, see notes)</p> <p>This specific courses decision is made at the school district level; local control. Curriculum is aligned to state standards.</p>	<p>Grades 9-12 Social Studies classes should include United States History, World History, Geography, Civics/Government, Economics (per the standards)</p> <p>This decision is made at the school district level; local control. Curriculum is aligned to state standards.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p>
<b>Nevada</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>At this curriculum level, students investigate Social Studies from three perspectives: Nevada, the United States, and the World. Course decisions are made at the school district level.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: American Government 1 Credit: American History 1 Credit: World History or Geography For the advanced degree, an additional credit of Social Studies is required.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: Yes, Choice</p>



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<b>New Hampshire</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grades 5-8: Each grade level is assigned a Social Studies course. These courses encompass Civics and government, economics, Geography, U.S./NH history, and world history.</p>	<p>2 1/2 Social Studies Credits: 1 Credit: U.S. &amp; N.H. History 1/2 Credit: U.S. &amp; N.H. Government/ Civics 1/2 Credit: Economics 1/2 Credit: World History, Global Studies, or Geography.</p>	<p>MS: No HS: Yes, Choice</p> <p>Geography is not required in middle school nor in high school; however, high school students may choose to take Geography as their 3rd Social Studies course.</p>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Courses to be determined locally.</p> <p>New Jersey is a local control state meaning that the Department of Education develops the standards and districts develop curriculum that ensures the implementation of the standards. While specific course are not specified at the middle school level, the standards include expectations for all students to learn Geography in grades 5-8. Local control.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>2 Credits: U.S. History 1 Credit: World History</p> <p>All Social Studies courses must include the integration of civics, economics, Geography, and global content.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No</p>
<b>New Mexico</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6-8:</p> <p>General course called “Social Studies.”</p> <p>From the Social Studies standards it appears that the focus for MS is the following: Grade 6: World History Grade 7: Government (US &amp; NM) Grade 8: US History</p>	<p><u>Classes of 2014 and 2015</u> 3 ½ Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: United States History and Geography, 1 Credit: World History and Geography 1/2 Credit: Government 1/2 Credit: Economics 1/2 Credit: New Mexico History</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: Yes, Combined history and Geography course</p> <p>Requirement for World and US History in high school Geography is taken in middle school, but the state does not specify which grade</p>

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<b>New York</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 5: Western Hemisphere Studies Grade 6: Eastern Hemisphere Studies Grade 7 &amp; 8: United States and New York History</p>	<p>4 Social Studies Credits: 1 Credit: American History 1/2 Credit: Participation in Government 1/2 Credit: Economics 2 Credit: Electives, Geography may fulfill this requirement.</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>Geography is not required in middle school or high school; however Geography could be taken to fulfill the Social Studies elective requirement.</p>
<b>North Carolina</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World Geography, History &amp; Culture: Patterns of Continuity and Change (to 1450) Grade 7: World Geography, History &amp; Culture: Patterns of Continuity and Change (1400 to Present) Grade 8: North Carolina and the United States: Creation and Development of the State and Nation</p>	<p><i>Effective 2012-2013</i> 4 Social Studies Credits: 1 Credit: World History (Grade 9) 1 Credit: Civics and Economics (Grade 10) 1 Credit; American History I &amp; II OR AP US History and an additional Social Studies course (Grade 11 and 12)</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: No</p> <p>There is no stand-alone Geography requirement. Geography is one of the five strands under the new essential standards.</p>
<b>North Dakota</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Via Standards, the following content is required: Grade 6: World History Grade 7: Geography Grade 8: US History</p> <p>The state expects districts to teach the standards in the specified grade level. Due to lack of assessment, there is no way to ensure this occurs. Respect districts power to make decisions for education of their area. It is, however, expected they will abide by state requirements. Geography is required at the</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits: (1 Credit = 2 semesters)</p> <p>1 Credit: US History 1/2 Credit: U.S. Government 1/2 Credit: Economics OR 1 Credit of Problems and Democracy,</p> <p>1 Credit electives (can be two 1/2 Credits) including Civics, Civilization, Geography and Multi-Cultural Studies, North Dakota Studies, Psychology, Sociology, World History</p>	<p>MS: Yes HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>There is no requirement for Geography in middle and high school, however, Geography could be taken as a 1/2 credit elective in high school.</p>



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	<p>elementary and middle school levels.</p> <p>*All middle schools are required to provide Geography instruction either as a separate course or part of another Social Studies course.</p> <p>Local Control on Curriculum</p>		
Ohio	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: Regions and the People of the Eastern Hemisphere</p> <p>Grade 7: World Studies from 750 B.C. to 1600 A.D.: Ancient Greece to the First Global Age</p> <p>Grade 8: U.S. Studies from 1492 to 1877: Exploration through Reconstruction</p> <p>Note: Grade 5 studies the Western Hemispheres. These courses are listed in the K-8 standards document dated July 2011</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1/2 Credit: U.S. History</p> <p>1/2 Credit: US Government</p> <p>2 Credits: Electives, which may include World Geography</p> <p>*Honors graduation requires one additional Social Studies elective course</p>	<p>MS: Yes</p> <p>HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>Geography is not required as a specific course in middle or high school, but it can be taken to fulfill the Social Studies elective requirement.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World Studies</p> <p>Grade 7: World Geography</p> <p>Grade 8: U.S. History 1760-1877</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits: (1 credit = 2 semesters)</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History</p> <p>1/2 Credit: U.S. Government (is sometimes a full year class)</p> <p>1/2 Credit: Oklahoma History</p> <p>1 Credit: Elective; World Geography can fulfill this elective credit.</p> <p>The elective can also be two half credit courses.</p>	<p>MS: Yes</p> <p>HS: Optional</p>

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<b>Oregon</b>	<p>Social Studies Required Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Specific courses determined locally.</p> <p>Courses must meet the standards for history, economics, civics and Geography, but there are not specific courses required.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>Courses determined locally.</p> <p>Schools must meet the state standards for history, economics, Geography and civics; No specific courses required. (Additional credits may be required by districts)</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>No required courses; State standards must be met, of which Geography is a strand.</p>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Local control, no specific courses required</p> <p>Pennsylvania has Geography standards that must be met at every level of K-12, but they can be standalone courses or part of another course.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History 1 Credit: World History 1 Credit: Civics and Government</p> <p>*All three courses will have a graduation exam starting with Civics in 2013-2014.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>All Pennsylvania students are required to have planned instruction in Geography, but this is controlled locally by districts.</p>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Districts are to develop Social Studies curriculum based on the <i>Grade Span Expectations for Civics &amp; Government and Historical Perspectives/R.I. History</i>.</p> <p>There are no specific courses required for middle school. This is decided by the individual school districts</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits (including a senior project and portfolio are required for graduation)</p> <p>There are no specific courses mandated by the state.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to review the requirements for their school when planning for graduation.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>Geography is not required in middle or high school, nor is it a strand within the Social Studies.</p>



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<b>South Carolina</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: Ancient Cultures to 1600  Grade 7: Contemporary Cultures: 1600-present  Grade 8: South Carolina: One of the United States.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History and Constitution  1/2 Credit: Economics  1/2 Credit: U.S. Government  1 Credit: Elective, may be fulfilled by a Geography course.  Optional Requirement</p>	<p>MS: No  HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>Geography is not required at the middle or high school level.  -Standards created for WH and WG electives.</p>
<b>South Dakota</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World History, Government and Economics.  Grade 7: Geography, Government and Economics.  Grade 8: U.S. History, Government and Economics.</p> <p>Note: Most districts teach “Geography” in Grade 7 that incorporates Government and Economics.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History  1/2 Credit: Geography  1/2 Credit: U.S. Government,  1/2 Credit: World History  1/2 Credit: Elective</p>	<p>MS: Yes, Combined with Government &amp; Economics  HS: Yes</p> <p>MS: Grade 7 Geography course required  HS: 1/2 credit Geography course required for high school graduation.</p>
<b>Tennessee</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grade 6 - 8</p> <p>The courses at the middle school level are all labeled “Integrated Social Studies.”</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History  1/2 Credit: American Government  1/2 Credit: Economics  1 Credit: World History OR World Geography</p>	<p>MS: No  HS: Yes, Optional</p> <p>MS: Geography is not required  HS: World Geography can be taken to fulfill the Social Studies graduation requirement instead of World History</p>

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<b>Texas</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: Students study people, places, and societies of the contemporary world.</p> <p>Grade 7: Students study the history of Texas from early times to the present.</p> <p>Grade 8: Students study the history of the United States from the early colonial period through Reconstruction.</p> <p>No specific course titles are required.</p>	<p>4 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: World Geography  1 Credit: World History  1 Credit: U.S. History  1/2 Credit: American Government  1/2 Credit: Economics</p> <p>The above course listing is required for most students in the state of Texas. There are Minimum Standards available. Many school districts do not provide this option, however, and use the above courses as the minimum level allowed for graduation.</p> <p>Minimum Standards: 2.5 Credits:  1 Credit: US History since Reconstruction  1 Credit: World History Studies OR World Geography Studies or any science studies  1/2 Credit: Government</p> <p>(1/2 Credit: Economics –listed under chapter 118, not Social Studies)</p>	<p>MS: Yes  HS: Yes</p> <p>Geography is required in Middle School and High School.</p>
<b>Utah</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 - 8</p> <p>Grade 6: World Studies (History focus)  Grade 7: Utah Studies  Grade 8: U.S. History 1</p> <p>The website below describes the grade level for each Social Studies course 7 – 12:</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. History  1/2 Credit: Geography For Life  1/2 Credit: World Civilizations  1/2 Credit: U.S. Government and Citizenship  1/2 Credit: Elective</p>	<p>MS: No  HS: Yes</p> <p>*The course “Geography for Life” is required somewhere between 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade, sometimes this course falls in middle school, sometimes in high school, but it is required for graduation.</p>



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	Utah Studies is 1 semester, but it is recommended that it be a 1 year-long course.	According to the standards, World Civilizations and Geography For Life are 1 semester courses; it is recommended that they each be a 1 year-long course.	
<b>Vermont</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>There are no specific Social Studies courses required for middle school.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. Government and History</p> <p>2 credits: Electives, Geography may fulfill this requirement.</p>	<p>MS: No</p> <p>HS: Yes, optional</p> <p>Geography is not required at middle or high school, but it can fulfill the Social Studies graduation elective requirement.</p>
<b>Virginia</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: U.S. History to 1865</p> <p>Grade 7: U.S. History 1865-present</p> <p>Grade 8: Civics and Economics</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. and Virginia History</p> <p>1 Credit: U.S. and Virginia Government</p> <p>1 Credit: (Choose 1 of the following courses): World History and Geography to 1500 OR World History and Geography 1500 to present OR World Geography</p>	<p>MS: No</p> <p>HS: Yes</p> <p>A specific Geography course is not required in middle school (there are Geography standards in the Social Studies courses).</p> <p>Geography is not explicitly required in high school, but a World Geography course or courses with Geography components are required for graduation.</p>

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<b>Washington</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Recommended Scope and Sequence:            Grade 6: World Geography &amp; World History (Ancient Civilizations)            Grade 7: World History, continued (600 - 1450) &amp; Washington State History (local tribal history)            Grade 8: US History &amp; Government (primarily 19th Century)</p>	<p>2.5 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: Contemporary World Problems *            1 Credit: U.S. History and Government            1/2 Credit: Washington State History</p> <p>*This course can encompass a variety of Social Studies course work including Geography. This decision is to be made at the local level.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control            HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>Geography is one of the five domains covered by the Social Studies standards, so a school must meet the requirement even if the course is not specifically Geography.</p>
<b>Washington D.C.</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: : World Geography &amp; Cultures            Grade 7: World History &amp; Geography            Grade 8: US History &amp; Geography</p> <p>6th grade: World Geography &amp; Cultures (Gannon: 6th grade Social Studies "World Geography and Cultures" is also heavily weighted toward Geography.")            7th grade: World History &amp; Geography            8th grade: US History &amp; Geography</p>	<p>4 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>1 Credit: World History &amp; Geography I (Grade 9)            1 Credit: World History &amp; Geography II (Grade 10)            1 Credit: US History &amp; Geography (Grade 11)            1 Credit: US Government &amp; DC History &amp; Government (Grade 12)</p>	<p>MS: Yes, Combined History and Geography course            HS: Yes, Combined History and Geography course</p> <p>Middle School:            6th grade - World Geography and Cultures</p> <p>High School: History and Geography courses</p>
<b>West Virginia</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Grade 6: Social Studies (History)            Grade 7: World Geography            Grade 8: West Virginia Studies</p> <p>The Grade 6 "Social Studies" course, according to the standards, focus on World Regional content and historic &amp; current development of a place and region. Courses are specified: Grade 7 – 8.</p>	<p>4 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>Grade 9: World Studies to 1900            Grade 10: U.S. History to 1900            Grade 11: 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies            Grade 12: Civics/Government</p>	<p>MS: Yes            HS: No</p> <p>A Geography course is required in middle school but not high school. There are Geography standards for every level of K-12.</p>



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<b>Wisconsin</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grade 6 - 8</p> <p>Courses determined at the local level.</p> <p>"In elementary, and middle and junior high schools, the five strands of Social Studies are usually integrated in a time during the day called 'Social Studies.'"</p> <p>There are Social Studies benchmarks tested at 4,8,12<sup>th</sup> grade these include standards for Geography.</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>No specific courses required may include: US and World History, Global Studies, Geography, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, current events and the humanities.</p> <p>Courses determined at the local level.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>Geography has standards that are tested in the benchmark exams in 4, 8, 12<sup>th</sup> grades, but they do not have to be offered in a Geography course.</p>
<b>Wyoming</b>	<p>Social Studies Required, Grades 6 – 8</p> <p>Courses determined at the local level; Social Studies content must be taught –but does not have to be called a "Social Studies" course. The content can be taught in any content area.</p> <p>Most districts require Geography in middle school (usually in 7<sup>th</sup> grade).</p>	<p>3 Social Studies Credits:</p> <p>All students must have the following five subjects covered in these three courses: World History, American History, American Government, Geography and Economic Systems and Institutions.</p> <p>Scope and Sequence determined locally.</p>	<p>MS: No, Local Control HS: No, Local Control</p> <p>Geography is not required in middle or high school, however, it is a subject matter that must be covered in one of the 3 required years of Social Studies.</p>