

Social Studies and Geography Survey for Middle and High Schools

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Executive Summary

Purpose

This research continues the Gilbert M. Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education's inquiry into middle school and high school geography standards and course requirements. Conducted by a fall graduate seminar class at Texas State University every two years, the purpose of this research is 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 the K-12 curriculum, the focus of this survey is the presence of geography standards and course requirements from sixth grade through twelfth grade. This research did not aim to identify geography taught at the kindergarten through fifth grade because social studies courses at these grade levels generally encompass a mixture of subject areas. We must also note that the United States K-12 education system is constantly changing, and different priorities impact state standards and graduation requirements in each state, especially for social studies.

The original intent of this collection of social studies standards/strand 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 difficult, as states have changed 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 fundamental consideration, such as a change in teaching and learning requirements or state or federal legislation dealing with education.

Geography Course Requirements

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

- Yes, a **stand-alone** geography course is required
- Yes, a geography/other social studies **combined** course is required
- No, a geography course is **not required**
- **Optional**- World History **or** World Geography required
- **Local school districts** set all course requirements

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 focuses solely on geography and geographic thinking. A "strand" is defined as geography content merged with other social studies content for a class that is not exclusively geographic in nature, but in which is strengthened by geographic perspective or skills. Most states have organized their social studies curricula around four or five social studies subjects, which include history, geography, civics, government, and economics. Using these definitions, it was determined that there are three categories for classification regarding how geography content is organized:

- **Standard:** a separate set of geography standards for a stand-alone course
- **Strand:** geography is included as part of the social studies standards or as part of another social studies course (e.g. history, economics, etc.)
- **Both:** geography is represented as a separate set of standards for a stand-alone course and is included as part of the social studies standards or as part of another social studies course (e.g. history, economics, etc.)

Results

At the middle school level nine states require a stand-alone geography course, and four states offer a combined course. Twenty-six states allow local school districts to set requirements for completion of middle school, and 12 states do not require a geography course for middle school completion. There are no states that allow geography as an option with World History for completion of middle school. At the high school level only four states require a stand-alone geography course for high school graduation; six states offer a combined course; and four states allow students to choose between world history or world geography to meet high school graduation requirements. Twenty-four states allow local school districts to set graduation requirements, and 13 states do not require any type of geography course at the high school level.

At the middle school level, there are 41 states that have geography as a strand within the state social studies standards, three that have separate geography standards, and seven states have both geography strands within the social studies curriculum and separate standards for geography. At the high school level, 33 states have geography as a strand within the state social studies standards, seven have separate standards for geography, and 11 states have both geography strands within the social studies standards and a separate set of geography standards.

This study also aimed to determine state standards revision schedules. It was found that 21 states have no scheduled revision planned for their social studies standards. Six states are currently revising their standards. Six states are expected to start revising their standards in 2016, nine states in 2017-2018, eight states in 2019-2020, and Wyoming plans to revise their standards in 2022 (see “Schedule of Revision of Social Studies Standards, by Year” table, pg. 11).

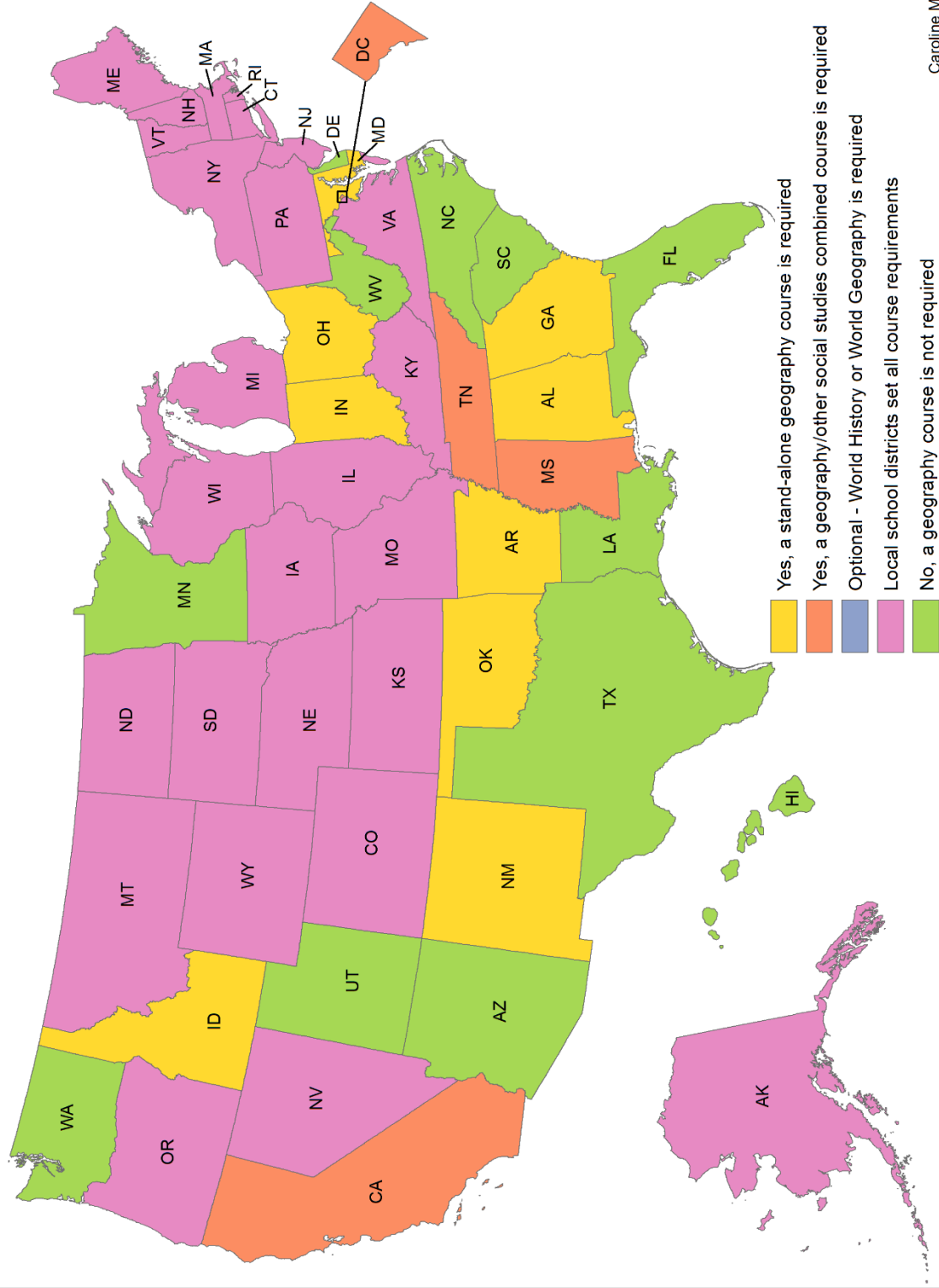
Conclusions

As mentioned in a previous report, data collection for longitudinal analysis is difficult, as there are many factors that affect educational policies in the United States. Factors that affect results include changes in definitions, personnel conducting research at state departments of education, and political changes in state legislatures. The results from this study report that 14 states are requiring geography for high school graduation and 13 for middle school completion, either as a stand-alone, option, or combined course, and an average of 13 states at both levels do not require geography and 25 states allow local school districts to make graduation and middle school curriculum decisions. Geography is also represented in all individual state standards, but mainly as a strand in social studies documents.

Acknowledgements

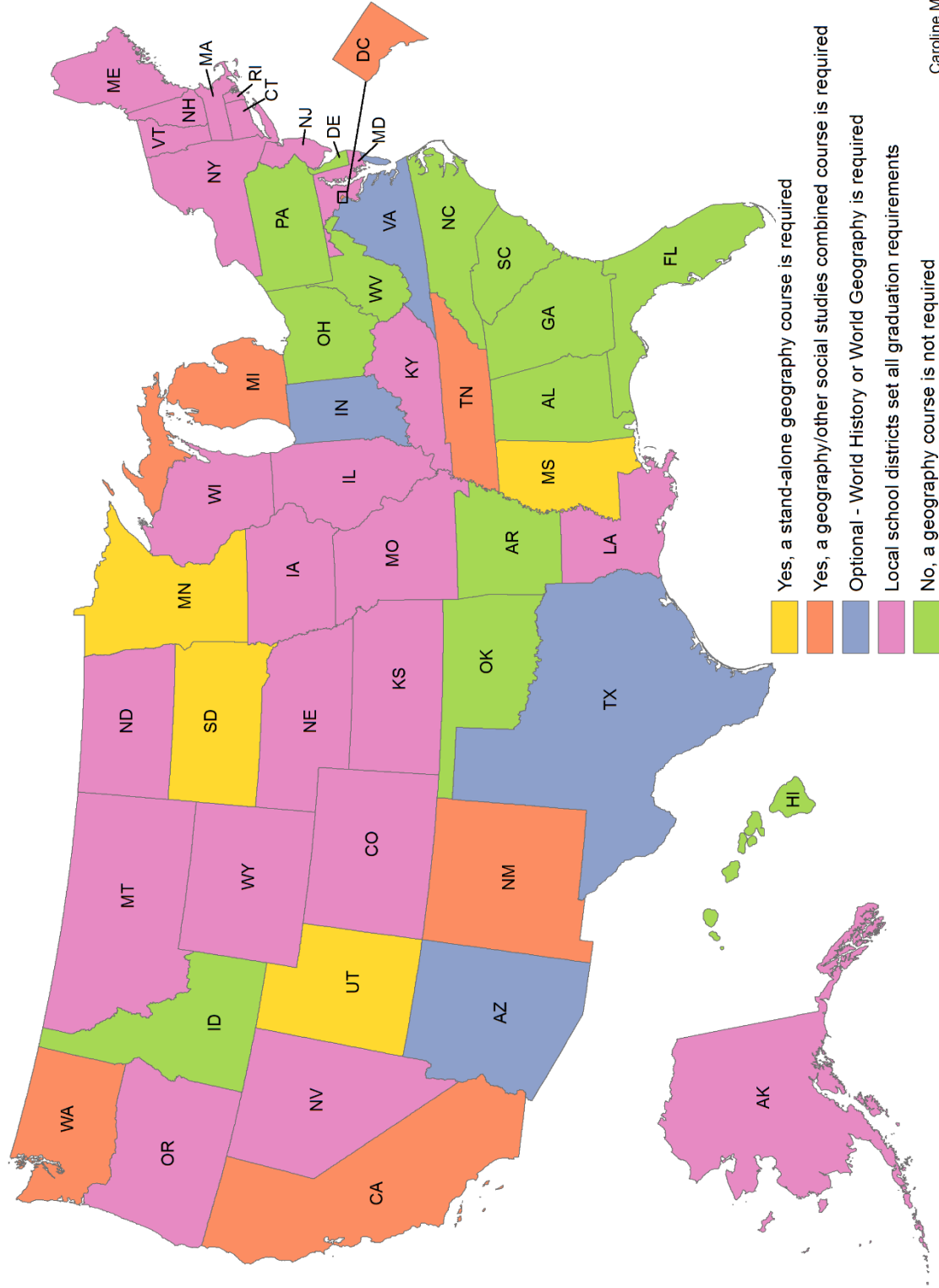
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Middle School Geography Requirement, 2015-2016



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High School Geography Requirement for Graduation, 2015-2016



Middle School and High School Geography Requirement

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

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

Middle School Geography Standards, 2015-2016

Standards: Geography has a separate set of standards for a stand-alone geography course.

Strand: Geography is included as a part of the social studies standards or as part of another social studies course.

Both: Geography is represented as a separate set of standards and is included as part of the social studies standards or as part of another social studies course.

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High School Geography Standards, 2015-2016

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Both: Geography is represented as a separate set of standards and is included as part of the social studies standards or as part of another social studies course.

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Geography's Place within Social Studies Standards

State	Middle School	High School
Alabama	Both	Both
Alaska	Standards	Standards
Arizona	Strand	Strand
Arkansas	Both	Standards
California	Strand	Strand
Colorado	Strand	Strand
Connecticut	Strand	Strand
Delaware	Strand	Strand
District of Columbia	Both	Strand
Florida	Strand	Strand
Georgia	Strand	Both
Hawaii	Strand	Both
Idaho	Both	Strand
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	Strand	Strand
Minnesota	Strand	Strand
Mississippi	Strand	Both
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	Standards
North Dakota	Strand	Strand
Ohio	Strand	Standards
Oklahoma	Both	Strand
Oregon	Strand	Strand
Pennsylvania	Standards	Standards
Rhode Island	Strand	Strand
South Carolina	Strand	Both
South Dakota	Strand	Standards
Tennessee	Strand	Both
Texas	Strand	Both
Utah	Strand	Both
Vermont	Strand	Strand
Virginia	Strand	Both
Washington	Strand	Strand
West Virginia	Strand	Strand
Wisconsin	Strand	Strand
Wyoming	Standards	Standards

Standards Revision Schedule, by State

State	Last Revision	Next Revision
Alabama	2013	2016-2017
Alaska	2006	None Scheduled
Arizona	2006	None Scheduled
Arkansas	2014	2020
California	2015	In Progress
Colorado	2009	2018
Connecticut	2015	None Scheduled
Delaware	2015	2020
District of Columbia	2006	None Scheduled
Florida	2008	None Scheduled
Georgia	2012	2016
Hawaii	2007	2017
Idaho	2010	None Scheduled
Illinois	2015	None Scheduled
Indiana	2014	2020
Iowa	2008	In Progress
Kansas	2013	2020
Kentucky	2006	In Progress
Louisiana	2011	None Scheduled
Maine	2007	None Scheduled
Maryland	2006	None Scheduled
Massachusetts	2003	2019
Michigan	2015	None Scheduled
Minnesota	2013	2019-2020
Mississippi	2010	2016-2017
Missouri	2007	2015-2016

State	Last Revision	Next Revision
Montana	2000	2017
Nebraska	2012	2019
Nevada	2008	2016
New Hampshire	2006	2016
New Jersey	2014	2019
New Mexico	2009	None Scheduled
North Carolina	2010	2015-2016
North Dakota	2007	2016-2017
Ohio	2010	None Scheduled
Oklahoma	2012	2018
Oregon	2011	None Scheduled
Pennsylvania	2009	None Scheduled
Rhode Island	2012	None Scheduled
South Carolina	2011	2016
South Dakota	2015	None Scheduled
Tennessee	2013	2018
Texas	2010	2016-2017
Utah	2010	In Progress
Vermont	2000	In Progress
Virginia	2008	2015
Washington	2013	None Scheduled
West Virginia	2012	None Scheduled
Wisconsin	1998	None Scheduled
Wyoming	2014	2022

Standards Revision Schedule, by Year

In progress	2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	2022	None Scheduled
California Iowa Kentucky Utah Vermont Virginia	Georgia Missouri Nevada New Hampshire North Carolina South Carolina	Colorado Oklahoma Tennessee Alabama Hawaii Mississippi Montana North Dakota Texas	Arkansas Delaware Indiana Kansas Massachusetts Minnesota Nebraska New Jersey	Wyoming	Alaska Arizona Connecticut D.C. Florida Idaho Illinois Louisiana Maine Maryland Michigan New Mexico New York Ohio Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Dakota Washington West Virginia Wisconsin

Alabama

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: United States Studies: Beginnings to the Industrial Revolution

Grade 7: Geography (1 semester)

Grade 7: Civics (1 semester)

Grade 8: World History to 1500

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 4

Grade 9: World History: 1500 to Present (1 credit)

Grade 10: United States History I: Beginnings to the Industrial Revolution (1 credit)

Grade 11: United States History II: The Industrial Revolution to the Present (1 credit)

Grade 12: United States Government (0.5 credit)

Grade 12: Economics (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

"In addition to the courses required for Grades 9-12, local school systems may offer elective social studies courses. These may include, but are not limited to, a study of psychology, sociology, contemporary world issues and civic engagement, and [AP] **human geography** (p. 56)."

- 2010 Alabama Course of Study

<http://www.alsde.edu/sec/sct/COS/2010%20Alabama%20Social%20Studies%20Course%20of%20Study.pdf>

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create Grade 7 World Geography standards.

Grade 9-12 standards are aligned with standards addressed by national social studies organizations.

Standards Documents

2010 Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies

<http://www.alsde.edu/sec/sct/Pages/cos-all.aspx>

Adopted: May 2010

Last revision: 2013

Next revision: 2016-2017

<http://www.alsde.edu/sec/sct/COS/2010%20Alabama%20Social%20Studies%20Course%20of%20Study.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 7 Geography

Grades 9-12 Human Geography

Geography is a strand in:

Grade 6 U.S. Studies

Grade 8 World History to 1500

All Grade 9-12 History Courses

Grade 9-12 Government

Grade 9-12 Contemporary World Issues and Civic Engagement

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Alaska*

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state: Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Standards Documents

Alaska Standards: Fourth Edition

Last revision: 2006

Next revision: None scheduled

<https://education.alaska.gov/akstandards/standards/standards.pdf>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Alaska Department of Education minimum of 3 social studies credits, which must include:
Alaska History (0.5 credit)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in grades 6-12.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state: Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Information Source

Alaska Department of Education website:
<https://education.alaska.gov/>

Notes

*2013 data used, as researchers were unable to verify 2015 data.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Arizona

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total Credits (minimum): 3
American History, including Arizona History (1 credit)
World History or World Geography (1 credit)
American Government, including Arizona Government (0.5 credit)
Economics (0.5 credit)
* Districts and charter schools may also establish additional graduation requirements.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses, besides those required by the state or local graduation requirements, are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Standards Documents

Arizona Social Studies Standard

Last revision: 2006

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/academic-standards/social-studies-standard/>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Arkansas

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies: World History—Beginnings of Human Civilization to 1500 C.E.

Grade 7: Social Studies: Geography

Grade 8: Social Studies: United States History 1800s to 1900

*All social studies classes have civics, economics, geography, and history embedded.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3

Civics (0.5 credit)

Economics (0.5 credit)

United States History since 1890 (1 credit)

World History since 1450 (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography

Notes

The *College, Career, & Civic Life C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards* and the *Geography for Life: National Geography Standards* were examined by the revision committee and influenced the development of the Grade 7: Social Studies: Geography and Grade 9-12 Geography curriculum frameworks.

Standards Documents

Arkansas Social Studies Standards:

Last revision: 2014

Next revision: 2020

<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/curriculum-framework-documents/social-studies-new-courses-valid-july-1-2015>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 7: Social Studies: Geography

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Geography is a strand in:

Grade 6: Social Studies: World History

Geography is embedded within:

Grade 8: Social Studies: United States History as are civics/government and economics

Information Source

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

California

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 4
 Grade 9: Electives courses in history-social science
Grade 10: World History, Culture, and Geography: The Modern World
Grade 11: United States History and Geography: Continuity and Change in the Twentieth Century
 Grade 12: Principles of American Democracy (1 semester) and Economics (1 semester)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: Physical Geography
 Grade 9-12: World Regional Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
 Last Revision: 2005
 Next revision: In progress

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

Information Source

California Department of Education website:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Colorado

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

"There are no required social studies courses for grades 6-8; however, we do have the Colorado Academic Standards for each of those grade levels. The focus of the 6th grade standards is western hemisphere world history (early civ. through approx. colonialism). 7th grade is eastern hemisphere world history (up to approx. the Renaissance) and 8th grade is U.S. history (approx. American Rev. through the Civil War/Reconstruction)."

- email correspondence with Stephanie Hartman

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

"Local school boards establish high school graduation requirements that meet or exceed the Colorado Graduation Guidelines for the graduating class of 2021. Local school boards and districts select from this menu to create a list of options their students must use to show what they know or can do in order to graduate from high school, beginning with the graduating class of 2021. School districts may offer some or all of the state menu options, may raise a score on an included assessment and may add graduation requirements in other content areas" but must include civics.

- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/grad-menu>

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses, besides those required by the state or local graduation requirements, are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

The social studies standards were created using the *Singapore National Curriculum* and the *Massachusetts Curriculum Framework* as reference materials

Standards Documents

Colorado Academic Standards

Last revision: Dec. 2009

Next revision: 2018

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cosocialstudies/cas-socialstudies-p12-pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies standards as a strand. There are schools that offer geography as a stand-alone course.

Information Source

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Connecticut

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by each school district, but focus on:

Grade 6: World Regional Studies

Grade 7: World Regional Studies

Grade 8: United States History

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Connecticut State Department of Education minimum of 2.5 social studies credits, which must include:

Civics and American Government (0.5 credit)

United States History (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses, besides those required by the state or local graduation requirements, are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

The *College, Career, & Civic Life C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards* was used to create the Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Framework.

Standards Documents

Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Framework

Adopted: February 2015

Next revision: None scheduled (expected revision in 2020)

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/board/ssframeworks.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Delaware

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies
Grade 7: Social Studies
Grade 8: United States History

Standards Documents

Delaware Standards and Instruction: Social Studies
Adopted: 1995
Standards documents are reviewed every five years, but no changes have been made since adoption in 1995.
Next revision: 2020 (expected)

<http://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/392>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Recommended social studies sequence:
Grade 9: Civics (1 semester) and Geography (1 semester)
Grade 10: Economics and Personal Finance
Grade 11: United States History (only mandated course)
Grade 12: World History
-email correspondence with Preston Shockley

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

Other Geography Courses

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Notes

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

District of Columbia

Middle School Social Studies Requirements	Standards Documents
Grade 6: World Geography and Cultures Grade 7: World History and Geography: Ancient World Grade 8: United States History and Geography I: Growth and Conflict	District of Columbia Social Studies Pre-K through Grade 12 Standards Last revision: 2006 Next revision: None scheduled http://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/DCPS-horiz-soc_studies.pdf
High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements	Geography: Standards and/or Strands
Total credits: 4 Grade 9: World History and Geography I: Middle Ages to the Age of Revolutions Grade 10: World History and Geography II: The Industrial Revolution to the Modern Era Grade 11: United States History and Geography II: Industrial America to the Present Grade 12: D.C. History and Government	Geography has a separate set of standards in: Grade 6: World Geography and Cultures Geography is a strand in: Grade 7: World History and Geography Grade 8: United States History and Geography I Grade 9: World History and Geography I Grade 10: World History and Geography II Grade 11: United States History and Geography II
Other Geography Courses	Information Source
Grade 9-12: World Geography Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography	Scott Abbott Director, Social Studies District of Columbia Public Schools scott.abbott@dc.gov (704) 650-5636 District of Columbia Public Schools website: http://dcps.dc.gov/
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K-5 Social Studies are not included in this report.

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Florida

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies

Grade 7: Social Studies

Grade 8: Social Studies

*One course must be at least a one-semester civics education course.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3

United States History (1 credit)

World History (1 credit)

Economics and Financial Literacy (0.5 credit)

United States Government (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Cultural Geography

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography

Grade 9-12: AICE Geography 1 and 2 AS Level

Grade 9-12: Pre-AICE Geography IGCSE Level

Grade 9-12: IB Geography 1 and 2

Grade 9-12: IB World Geography

Grade 9-12: IB Mid-Years Program World Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards K-12

Last revision: 2008

Next revision: None scheduled

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Georgia

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Studies: Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, Europe and Australia
Grade 7: World Studies: Africa, Southwest Asia (Middle East), Southern and Eastern Asia
 Grade 8: Georgia Studies

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
 United States History (1 credit)
 World History (1 credit)
 American Government/Civics (0.5 credit)
 Economics (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Geography
 Grade 9-12: Asian Studies
 Grade 9-12: Latin American Studies
 Grade 9-12: Middle Eastern Studies
 Grade 9-12: Sub-Saharan Studies
 Grade 9-12: Local Area Studies/Geography
 Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography
 Grade 9-12: IB Geography, Year 1 and Year 2
 Grade 9-12: Fundamentals of Geospatial Technology
 Grade 9-12: Applications of Geospatial Technology

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Standards Documents

Georgia Performance Standards

Last revision: 2012

Next revision: 2016

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand, as well in:

Grade 9-12: United States History

Grade 9-12: World History

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Hawaii

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 4
Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit)
Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit)
United States History and Government (1 credit)
World History and Culture (1 credit)
Social Studies elective (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses *

Grade 9-12: Geography
Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography

Notes

*2013 data used, as researchers were unable to verify 2015 data.

Standards Documents

Hawaii Content and Performance Standards III
Adopted: August 2007
Next revision: 2017

<http://165.248.72.55/hcpsv3/>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum.

Information Source

Hawaii State Department of Education website:
<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Idaho

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 5
 United States History I and II
 American Government
 Economics

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Idaho Social Studies Content Standards
 Adopted: 2010
 Next revision: None scheduled

https://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
 Geography is a strand in:
 Grade 6-9: World History and Civilization
 Grade 6-12: U.S. History I
 Grade 9-12: U.S. History II
 Grade 9-12: American Government
 Grade 9-12: Economics

Information Source

Idaho State Department of Education website:
<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Illinois

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Illinois State Board of Education minimum of 2 years of social studies credits, which must include History of the United States (1 year) OR a combination of History of the United States and American Government (1 year); 1 semester must be civics.

Geography Courses

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

Notes

Standards Documents

Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science
Adopted: 2015, in public comment period
Next revision: None Scheduled

http://www.isbe.net/ils/social_science/standards.htm

The *Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science* were developed using the 1985 Illinois State Goals for Social Science, the *National Standards for World History*, the *National Standards for United States History*, *Geography for Life: National Geography Standards*, the *National Standards for Civics and Government*, other various state and national work, and local standards contributed by team members.

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Indiana

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, and the Southwest Pacific

Grade 8: United States History—Growth and Development (to 1877)

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

There are four ways to gain high school graduation credit. For a general diploma, 4 social studies credits are required:

U.S. Government (1 credit)

U.S. History (2 credits)

Social Studies Elective (1 credit)

For Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, or Core 40 with technical honors, 6 social studies credits are required:

U.S. History (2 credits)

U.S. Government (1 credit)

Economics (1 credit)

World History and Civilization (2 credits) or Geography and History of the World (2 credits)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Indiana Academic Standards

Adopted: March 2014

Next revision: 2020

<http://www.doe.in.gov/standards/social-studies>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 9-12: Geography and History of the World

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand, as well in:

Grade 9-12 U.S. History (1877-present)

Grade 9-12: U.S. Government

Grade 9-12: World History & Civilizations

Information Source

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Iowa

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Iowa Department of Education minimum 3 social studies credits. 1.5 credits determined by local school districts, and others include:

- American History (1 credit)
- United States Government (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

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

Notes

The *Iowa Core K-12 Social Studies* standards were created using *Geography for Life: National Geography Standards* and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction *Content Standard Social Studies, Standard A: Geography*.

Standards Documents

Iowa Core K-12 Social Studies

Last revision: 2008

Next revision: In progress

https://iowacore.gov/sites/default/files/k-12_socialstudies_0.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Kansas

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by each school district, but the suggested scope and sequence is:

Grade 6: Ancient World History

Grade 7: Geography (1 semester) and

Kansas History* (1 semester)

Grade 8: U.S. History: Constitutional Age to

International Expansion

*The only course that is required of districts and is not part of the graduation requirement is a 9 week course on Kansas History in grade 7 or beyond.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- 3 credits of social studies are required and must include:

U.S. History (1 credit)

American Government (0.5 credit)

The Kansas Department of Education does not prescribe course content.

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Kansas Standards for History, Government, and Social Studies

Adopted: 2013

Next revision: 2020

[http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/CSAS/Content%20Area%20\(F-L\)/History,%20Government,%20and%20Social%20Studies/2013%20Kansas%20History%20Government%20Social%20Studies%20Standards.pdf](http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/CSAS/Content%20Area%20(F-L)/History,%20Government,%20and%20Social%20Studies/2013%20Kansas%20History%20Government%20Social%20Studies%20Standards.pdf)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 7: Geography

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Geography is embedded throughout the other 6-12 social studies courses as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Kentucky

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but include 3 credits of social studies and meet Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies at each grade level.

Other Geography Courses

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

Notes

The *College, Career, & Civic Life C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards*, the *Global Competency Matrix*, and the *Partnership for 21st Century Skills* were used to create the Kentucky Core Academic Standards.

Standards Documents

Kentucky Core Academic Standards

Adopted: June 2006

Next revision: In process

http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/standards/kyacadstand/Documents/Kentucky%20Academic%20Standards_Final-9%2011%2015.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Louisiana

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

For Louisiana students, credit for Civics and United States History is a requirement for graduation. All other courses are student-selected from a list of course offerings.

Diploma types and social studies requirements for students entering ninth grade prior to 2014-2015:
LA Core 4 (4 credits)
Basic Core (3 credits)
Career Diploma (3 credits)

Diploma types and social studies requirements for students entering ninth grade in 2014-2015 and beyond:
TOPS University Diploma (4 credits)
Jump Start TOPS Tech Diploma (2 credits)

Other Geography Courses

World Geography (Typically offered in Grade 9)
AP Human Geography (Typically offered as a substitute for World Geography)

Notes

Standards Documents

Louisiana 2011 Social Studies Grade-Level Expectations
Adopted: 2011
Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academic-curriculum/standards---k-12-social-studies.pdf?sfvrsn=15>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Maine

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Maine Department of Education graduation requirements, which includes social studies and history, including American history, government, civics and personal finance (2 years, in separate or integrated study programs) and Maine Studies (including Maine Native American studies).

Other Geography Courses

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

Notes

Standards Documents

Maine Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction

Adoption/last revision: 2007

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.maine.gov/doe/socialstudies/documents/ss102207.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies standards as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Maryland

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World History

Grade 7: Modern World Cultural Geography

Grade 8: U.S. History

Standards Documents

Maryland Teaching and Learning: Social Studies

Last revision: 2006

Next revision: None Scheduled

http://mdk12.msde.maryland.gov/instruction/curriculum/social_studies/vsc_toolkit.html

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Maryland State Department of Education graduation requirements, and ranges from 3-4 credits. Students must take the following and are assessed in Government:

World History (1 credit)

U.S. History (1 credit)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: Contemporary World Studies

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography

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Notes

The *College, Career, & Civic Life C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards* was used as a model for the new 6.0 Skills and Processes document that is linked to all state curricular standards.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Massachusetts

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by each school district, but the state recommends that courses focus on the following:

Grade 6: World Geography

Grade 7: Ancient and Classical Civilizations in the Mediterranean to the Fall of the Roman Empire: Ideas that Shaped History

Grade 8: World History I, 500-1800, World History I 500-1500, or United States History I 1763-1877*

*Part of e 8-12 Pathways:

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requirement of a minimum of 3 social studies credits and be chosen from the list of social studies course sequences:

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

Other 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 Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework

Last revision: August 2003

Expected next revision: 2019

<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 embedded throughout the 7-8 social studies curriculum as a strand, as well as the high school social studies curriculum.

Information Source

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Michigan

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by each school district, but the state recommends:

Grade 6: World Geography*

Grade 7: World History and Geography*

Grade 8: Integrated United States History

*Proposed changes for the 2015 revisions that will be adopted in early 2016

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Michigan Department of Education requirement of a minimum of 3 social studies credits:

United States History and Geography (1 credit)

World History and Geography (1 credit)

Civics (0.5 credit)

Economics (0.5 credit)

Other 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 Michigan Department of Education.

Notes

The *College, Career, & Civic Life C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards* was used to create the Michigan Content Expectations.

Standards Documents

Michigan Content Expectations

Written: 2007

Last revision: 2015

Next revision: None scheduled

Middle school:

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

High school:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SS_HS_CE_210739_7_470248_7.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Minnesota

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Minnesota Studies
 Grade 7: United States Studies (1800 to present)
 Grade 8: Global Studies (Geography is lead discipline)

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3.5
 United States History (1 credit)
Geography (0.5 credit)
 Government and Citizenship (0.5 credit)
 World History (1 credit)
 Economics (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

2011 Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in Social Studies
 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 embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

The 9-12 Geography standards and benchmarks may be included in a Geography course or delivered in an integrated format.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Mississippi

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: **World Geography and Citizenship**
 Grade 7: World History from Pre-Historic Era to the Age of Enlightenment
 Grade 8: United States History from Exploration through Reconstruction

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 4*
 United States History (1 credit)
 World History (1 credit)
Geography (0.5 credit)
 Economics (0.5 credit)
 United States Government (0.5 credit)
 Mississippi Studies (0.5 credit)

*This is part of the Tradition Pathway option:

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/dropout-prevention-and-compulsory-school-attendance-library/mississippi-high-school-nbsp-graduation-pathway.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography
 Grade 9-12: Advanced World Geography

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework
 Approved: November 2010
 Next revision: 2016-2017

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

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand, as well as:

Grade 9-12: Mississippi Studies
 Grade 9-12: U.S. Government
 Grade 9-12: World History
 Grade 9-12: U.S. History
 Grade 9-12: Local Resource Studies
 Grade 9-12: Humanities
 Grade 7-12: Local Cultures

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Missouri

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education minimum of 3 social studies credits.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Standards Documents

Missouri Social Studies Grade Level Expectations

Last revision: 2007

Next revision: 2015-2016

K-8 Social Studies Grade Level Expectations:

<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/gle-social-studies.pdf>

High School Social Studies Grade Level Expectations:

<http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/cle-social-studies.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Montana

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the Board of Public Education minimum of 2 social studies credits.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Standards Documents

Name of Standards Document

Last revision: 2000

Next revision: 2017

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies standards as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Nebraska

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by each school district which must incorporate the Nebraska Social Studies Standards.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the Nebraska Department of Education minimum of 30 social studies hours (3 years), which must incorporate the Nebraska Social Studies Standards.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by each school district which must incorporate the Nebraska Social Studies Standards.

Notes

The state standards were written by a committee of K-16 educators. They used information from *Geography for Life*, National Council for the Social Studies standards document, and information from other state standards and crafted much of the language to fit Nebraska.

Standards Documents

Nebraska Social Studies Standards

Last revision: 2012

Next revision: 2019

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Nevada

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the Nevada Department of Education minimum 2 social studies credits.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

Nevada Social Studies Standards

Last revision: 2008

Next revision: 2016

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Standards_Instructional_Support/Nevada_Academic_Standards/SocialStudies/

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

New Hampshire

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the New Hampshire Department of Education minimum 2.5 social studies credits and include:
 World History, Global Studies or Geography (0.5 credit)
 Economics (0.5)
 United States and New Hampshire Government/Civics (0.5 credit)
 United States and New Hampshire History (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

*2013 data used, as researchers were unable to verify 2015 data.

Standards Documents

K-12 Social Studies New Hampshire Curriculum Framework

Adopted: 2006

Next revision: 2016*

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

Information Source

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

New Jersey

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the State of New Jersey Department of Education minimum 15 credits and must include histories and integrated civics, economics, geography, and global content.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards

Last revision: 2014

Next revision: 2019

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2014/ss/standards.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

New Mexico

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Geography

Grade 7: New Mexico History and Geography

Grade 8: United States History

Standards Documents

New Mexico Social Studies Standards

Adopted*: 2009

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.ped.state.nm.us/standards/>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3.5

United States History and Geography (1 credit)

World History and Geography (1 credit)

Government and Economics (1 credit)

New Mexico History (0.5 credit)

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

Other Geography Courses

Grade 6-12: Topics in Geography

Grade 11-12: AP Human Geography

Grade 9-12: Humanities

Grade 9-12: Humanities I

Grade 9-12: Humanities II

Grade 9-12: IB Geography

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Notes

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

New York

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

The courses are aligned to the NYS K-12 Social Studies Framework. See:
<https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-k-12-social-studies-framework>

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- but must meet the NYS Department of Education minimum of 4 social studies credits and include:
 United States History (1 credit); Participation in Government (0.5 credit); Economics (0.5 credit).
 Beginning with Fall 2016 enter high school students, the remaining 2 credits must be Global History and Geography; Students must pass at least one social studies Regents Exam

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

New York Social Studies Standards

Last revision: 1996

Next revision: None Scheduled

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

Courses must align to the NYS K-12 Social Studies Framework, specifically the Social Studies Practices

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

The Social Studies Practices, articulated for each grade K-8 and for Grades 9-12, include Geographic Reasoning.

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<https://www.engageny.org/new-york-state-k-12-social-studies>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

North Carolina

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Minimum credits: 4
 Civics and Economics (1 credit)
 World History (1 credit)
 American History I and American History II (or AP U.S. History) (1 credit)
 Social Studies elective (1 credit)

American History I: Founding Principles and American History II **OR** AP US History**, additional social studies course**

**A student who takes AP US History instead of taking US History I and II must also take an additional social studies course in order to meet the other four credits requirement

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: 21st Century Global Geography

Notes

The North Carolina 2010 Social Studies Essential Standards were created using the *C3 Framework*, L. Erickson's conceptual curriculum, and RBT.

Standards Documents

North Carolina 2010 Social Studies Essential Standards

Last revision: 2010

Next revision: 2015-2016

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/acre/standards/new-standards/#social>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:
 Grade 9-12: 21st Century Global Geography

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand.

Information Source

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction website:

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

North Dakota

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction minimum 3 social studies credits and include:
 United States History (1 credit)
 United States Government (0.5 credit) and
 Economics (0.5 credit) (or Problems and Democracy (1 credit)
 Social Studies Elective (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses are determined by individual school districts, but can include:
 Geography and Multi-cultural Studies

Notes

The North Dakota Content and Achievement Standards are based on its predecessor, the *2000 North Dakota Social Studies Content Standards*.

Standards Documents

North Dakota Content and Achievement Standards:
 Social Studies
 Last revision: 2007
 Next revision: 2016-2017

https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/87/Soc_studies.pdf

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Ohio

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: Social Studies: Regions and People of the Eastern Hemisphere

Grade 7: Social Studies: World Studies from 750 B.C. to 1600 A.D.: Ancient Greece to the First Global Age

Grade 8: U.S. Studies from 1492-1877: Exploration through Reconstruction

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3

American History (0.5 credit)

American Government (0.5 credit)

Social Studies elective (2 credits), of which 0.5 credit must be in World History and Civilizations.

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Geography

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

Ohio's New Learning Standards: Social Studies

Last revision: June 2010

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohios-Learning-Standards/Social-Studies>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand.

Information Source

Ohio Department of Education website:

<http://education.ohio.gov/>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Oklahoma

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Geography, Western Hemisphere
Grade 7: World Geography, Eastern Hemisphere
 Grade 8: United States History: Creating the United States: The Foundation, Formation, and Transformation of the American Nation, 1754-1877

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
 United States History (1 credit)
 United States Government (0.5 credit)
 Oklahoma History (0.5 credit)
 Social Studies elective (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Human Geography

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was consulted in the creation of the Oklahoma Academic Standards.

Standards Documents

Oklahoma Academic Standards

Adopted: 2012

Next revision: 2018

<http://ok.gov/sde/documents/2014-09-10/ss-standards-grade>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography has a separate set of standards in:

Grade 6: World Geography

Grade 7: World Geography

Geography is a strand in:

Grade 8: United States History

Grade 9-12: Oklahoma History

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Oregon

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local districts are required by state statute to provide instruction aligned to the Oregon Academic Content Standards which include grade-level Geography standards.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local districts are required by state statute to provide instruction aligned to the Oregon Academic Content Standards which include grade-level Geography standards and meet a minimum 3 social studies credits.

Other Geography Courses

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

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

Oregon Social Sciences Academic Content Standards
Last revision: 2011

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/teachlearn/subjects/socialscience/standards/oregon-social-sciences-academic-content-standards.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Pennsylvania

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
History and Government of the United States and Pennsylvania (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

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

Notes

Standards Documents

Social Studies Academic Standards
The Academic Standards of 2009 are awaiting action by State Board of Education.
Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/Curriculum/Pages/Social-Studies.aspx#.VjJNJberTcs>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a separate Academic Standards Content area and can be addressed as determined by the locally elected school board.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Rhode Island

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- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet the Rhode Island Social Studies Grade Span Expectations.

Other Geography Courses

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

Notes

The *National Standards for Civics & Government*, the *NCSS Framework*, and the *Geography for Life: National Geography Standards* were all referenced in the creation of the social studies standards and the later expansion.

Standards Documents

Rhode Island Social Studies Grade Span Expectations (GSEs)

Approved/Last revision: 2012 (Geography and Economic strands)

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/CivicsSocialStudies.aspx>

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum in each district in alignment with the Geography strand of the Rhode Island Social Studies GSEs.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

South Carolina

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
 United States History and Constitution (1 credit)
 Economics (0.5 credit)
 United States Government (0.5 credit)
 Social Studies elective (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Geography
 Grade 9-12 AP Human Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

South Carolina Social Studies Academic Standards
 Approved: 2011
 Next revision: 2016

<http://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/file/agency/ccr/Standards-Learning/documents/FINALAPPROVEDSSStandardsAugust182011.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is represented throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum via social studies literacy skills.

Information Source

South Carolina Department of Education website:
<http://ed.sc.gov/>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

South Dakota

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet South Dakota Department of Education minimum of 3 social studies credits, which must include:

United States History (1 credit)

United States Government (0.5 credit)

World History (0.5 credit)

Geography (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Standards Documents

South Dakota Social Studies Content Standards

Adopted: August 2015

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/documents/SocialStd.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is a strand in:
Grade 7: Social Studies

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Tennessee

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World History and Geography: Early Civilization through the Decline of the Roman Empire (5th century C.E.)
Grade 7: World History and Geography: The Middle Ages to the Exploration of the Americas
Grade 8: United States History and Geography: Colonization of North America, Reconstruction, and the West

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
United States History and Geography (1 credit)
World History and Geography (1 credit)
 United States Government and Civics (0.5 credit)
 Economics (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World Geography
 Grade 9-12: AP World Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Tennessee Social Studies Standards

Adopted: July 2013

Next revision: 2018

<https://www.tn.gov/education/article/social-studies-standards>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is a strand in:
 Grade 6: World History and Geography
 Grade 7: World History and Geography
 Grade 8: United States History and Geography
 Grade 9-12: All required, elective, and AP history courses

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Texas

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
United States History (1 credit)
World History or World Geography (1 credit)
United States Government (0.5 credit)
Economics (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography
Grade 9-12: IB Geography, Standard Level
Grade 9-12: IB Geography, Higher Level
Grade 9-12: Special Topics in Social Studies*

*Course content is local decision, but can be a geography course

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels. The TEKS were also created using committees of teachers who write them, social studies experts who review and edit them, comments from the public, and then adopted by the SBO. It is unclear what other frameworks were used.

Standards Documents

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies

Adopted: 1998

Last revised: May 2010

Next revision: 2017 (streamlining only)

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand, as well as:

Grade 9-12: United States History
Grade 9-12: World History
Grade 9-12: Government

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Utah

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Grade 6: World Studies
Grade 7: Utah Studies
Grade 8: United States History 1

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
Geography for Life (0.5 credit)
World Civilizations (0.5 credit)
United States History (1 credit)
United States Government and Citizenship (0.5 credit)
Social Studies Elective (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography

Notes

The Utah standards were created after consulting the latest research on educational standards as well as a range of state standards and *Geography for Life: National Geography Standards, 1994*.

Standards Documents

Utah Core Standards
Adopted: August 2010
Next revision: In progress

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/core/Core.aspx>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand, as well as:
Grade 9-12: World Civilizations

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Vermont

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state: Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state- social studies courses, besides those required by the state or local graduation requirements, are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create geography standards and strands at all levels.

Standards Documents

Grade Expectations for Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities

Adopted: 2000

Next revision: In progress

<http://education.vermont.gov/history>

Global Citizenship Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements

Written: 2014

<http://education.vt.gov/pbgr/sample-pbgr>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is a separate strand in the Grade Expectations. Student expectations are organized under these statements: 1) **Students interpret geography and solve geographic problems by...** 2) **Students show understanding of human interaction with the environment over time by...**; and 3) **Students analyze how and why cultures continue and change over time by...**

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Virginia

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state: Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 3
 United States and Virginia History (1 credit)
 United States and Virginia Government (1 credit)
 World History or World Geography (1 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: World History and Geography to 1500 AD (CE)
 Grade 9-12: World History and Geography: 1500 AD (CE) to the Present
 Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography
 Grade 9-12: IB Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Virginia Standards of Learning

Adopted:

Current Standards in use: 2008

Most recent adoption, History and Social Studies: 2015

Next revision: 2015

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

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

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-8 social studies curriculum as a strand, as well as:

Grade 9-12: Virginia Studies

Grade 9-12: United States History to 1865

Grade 9-12: United States History 1865 to present

Grade 9-12: World History and Geography to 1500 AD

Grade 9-12: World History and Geography: 1500 AD to the Present

Information Source

Virginia Department of Education website:

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/>

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Washington

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits:
United States History (1 credit)
**Contemporary World History, Geography, and
World Problems (1 credit)**
Civics (0.5 credit)
Social Studies elective (0.5 credit)

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography

Notes

Standards Documents

Washington State K-12 Social Studies Learning Standards

Adopted: 2008

Last revision: 2013

Next revision: None scheduled

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SocialStudies/pubdocs/SocialStudiesStandards.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

West Virginia

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

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

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Total credits: 4
Grade 9: World Studies (1 credit)
Grade 10: United States Studies (1 credit)
Grade 11: Contemporary Studies (1 credit)
Grade 12: Civics for the Next Generation or AP Government (1 credit)
*Grade 9-11 AP Substitutions:
AP United States History
AP European Studies
AP Human Geography
Civics for the 21st Century or AP Government and Politics

Other Geography Courses

Grade 9-12: AP Human Geography- elective course that may be used to fulfill one of the social studies requirements.

Notes

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards, National Standards for History, National Standards for Social Studies, the National Voluntary Standards for Economics, the National Standards for Civics, and Common Core Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects were used to create the West Virginia Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives for Social Studies.

Standards Documents

Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives for Social Studies in West Virginia.
Last revision: 2012
Next revision: None scheduled

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

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Wisconsin

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

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.

Other 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

Geography for Life: National Geography Standards was used to create the geography strand of the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies.

Standards Documents

Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies

Adopted: 1998

Next revision: None scheduled

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

*Districts can choose to adopt the state standards, write their own, or adopt other standards.

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

Geography is embedded throughout the 6-12 social studies curriculum as a strand.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.

Wyoming

Middle School Social Studies Requirements

Local control state: Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

High School Social Studies Graduation Requirements

Local control state- Individual school districts set local graduation requirements, but must meet Wyoming Department of Education minimum of 3 social studies credits.

Other Geography Courses

Local control state: Social studies courses are determined by individual school districts.

Notes

Standards Documents

2014 Wyoming Social Studies Content and Performance Standards

Last revision: December 2014

Next revision: 2022

<http://edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/standards/2015/2014-SS-WyCPS-FINAL.pdf>

Geography: Standards and/or Strands

All Social Studies standards have a separate geography standard.

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

Bolded courses are REQUIRED geography courses for completion of middle school or high school graduation.