

## Social Studies Philosophy Statements and Program Goals

We believe students will know and appreciate various cultures in our world.

- Be able to recognize the contributions other cultures have made to society in the past, present, and future.
- Be able to respect the customs and beliefs of other cultures.

We believe students will understand their historical roots and how past events have shaped their world.

- Be able to research and organize information using a variety of sources.
- Be able to recognize the contributions of important historical figures.
- Be able to reflect on historical events and the impact they have on the present and future.

We believe that students will gain geographical perspectives on the world by studying the earth and the interactions of people with places where they live, work, and play.

- Be able to recognize and understand the relationship between people in different regions of the world and the way they interact with the physical environment.
- Be able to use, construct, and interpret a variety of geographical representation such as maps, globes etc.
- Be able to understand natural changes within the environment and how they have affected people living in different regions.
- Be able to describe the movement of people, ideas, diseases and products throughout the world.

We believe students will acquire the knowledge of political systems in order to become responsible citizens.

- Be able to understand and show patriotic symbols and respect patriotism.
- Be able to understand local, state, national, and global governments and their relationships to one another.
- Be able to understand how laws are developed and their purpose.
- Be able to understand their responsibility as citizens and will demonstrate this through community involvement.
- Be able to understand the purpose and function of the branches of government.
- Be able to understand similarities and differences between political parties and how they relate.

We believe students will be able to understand the basic concepts of economics.

- Be able to understand the values of personal economics including budgeting, earning, and savings.

- Be able to understand the basic economic needs of people through supply and demand, goods and services, production, consumption, exchange, inflation, and deflation.
- Be able to recognize different economic systems in the world and their relation to people in the greater world.

We believe students will develop an appreciation of current event issues in the world.

- Be aware of current global issues that are affecting the world through a variety of sources.
- Be able to use a variety of sources such as newspapers, television, Internet, and periodicals to be research current issues.