



ST. FRANCIS – ST. HEDWIG SCHOOL
Growing Together in Faith and Knowledge

Course Content Benchmark for Social Studies

The following benchmark outlines the basic expectations of what students are expected to know at the end of each grade level for Social Studies.

Pre-Kindergarten

- Government and Presidents
- Elections
- States in the US
- Geography
- Communities and Neighborhoods
- Civic Holidays

Kindergarten

- Talents and Individual Uniqueness
- Families
- Diversity
- Care of the Environment - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Everyday Heroes
- Community Workers
- Occupations
- Holidays
- Historical Figures
- The State of Connecticut
- The United States
- The Seven Continents

Grade 1

History

- Our Government
- Native Americans
- American Presidents

Economics

- Using Money

Civics

- All About Me
- Citizenship
- Community
- American Holidays
- Celebrations Around the World

Grade 2

History

- Influence of Native Americans and Early Settlers
- American Revolution
- The First Thirteen States
- The Presidents

Government

- The Role of Federal, State, and Local Governments
- The Three Branches of the Federal Government
- The Role of Leaders

Geography

- Geographic Features – Rivers, Plains, Valleys, Mountains
- The Continents
- The Oceans
- Habitat and Environment

Grade 3

- Communities (urban, suburban, rural) changes over time
- Community leaders (mayor, governor, president)
- Citizenship (voting, obeying laws, paying taxes)
- National holidays (Thanksgiving, President's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Martin Luther King Jr., Columbus Day)
- Discuss ways different cultures interpret events and experiences (colonial times, immigrants, African Americans)
- Goods and services
- Consumer and producer
- Supply and demand
- Production and consumption
- Money (saving, purchasing, budgets)(
- Import, export, trade
- Cardinal and intermediate directions
- Landforms, climate, weather
- Natural resources
- Immigration
- Colonization
- Transportation and communication
- Use maps and globes
- Technology

Grade 4

- Geography Skills: Latitude, longitude, maps, scales
- Connecticut History: Geography, Economy, Environment
- The Six Regions of the United States: History, Economy, Environment (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Mountain States, Southwest, The West)



Grade 5

- Native Americans
- Early Explorers
- The Settlement of North America
- The Thirteen English Colonies
- Life in the Colonies
- European Rivalries
- The American Revolution
- The Constitution
- The Early United States
- The Industrial Revolution
- The South and Slavery
- The Civil War

Grade 6

- Regions of the World
- Understanding History
- Early Cultures
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient Mesopotamia
- Ancient India
- Ancient China
- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome
- Ancient Arabia
- Ancient America

Grade 7

- The First Americans
- Exploring the Americas
- Colonial America
- The French and Indian War
- The Road to Independence
- The American Revolution
- The Articles of Confederation
- The First Presidents
- The War of 1812
- Growth and Expansion
- The Jacksonian Era
- The Manifest Destiny
- The North and South
- The Age of Reform

Grade 8

- The Civil War
- Reconstruction
- The Western Frontier
- The Growth of Industry



- Urban America
- Progressive Reform
- Overseas Expansion
- World War I
- The Jazz Age
- FDR and the Depression
- World War II
- The Cold War
- The Fifties
- The Civil Rights Era
- The Vietnam War

