

Curriculum Materials Review

Social Studies
2025-2027

Curriculum Shifts

Continued focus on:

- History
- Geography
- Economics
- Citizenship/Government
- Addition of Ethnic Studies with particular focus on Indigenous studies

Stronger emphasis on:

- Inquiry-based learning
- Applying concepts and tools/using primary and secondary sources
- Civic engagement
- Multiple perspectives
- Skills over memorization

Current Curriculum

K-4 - Junior Achievement/Selected Texts from current books

Grade 5 - Classroom set/teacher developed materials/Newsela access

Grade 6 - Northern Lights (Minnesota specific curriculum)

Grade 7 - Classroom set/teacher developed materials/Newsela access

Grade 8 - TCI/Newsela access

Grade 9 - Contemporary Human Geography (Rubenstein)

Grade 10 - World History (Savvas)/teacher developed materials

Grade 11 - US History (McGraw Hill)/teacher developed materials

Grade 12 - US Government and Economics

Curricular Material Review Overview

Provide an overview of how your team reviewed curriculum.

- What was reviewed?
 - Current curriculum and alignment to new standards and 3Cs
- Who reviewed it?
 - Administrative leads: Annette Engeldinger & Jana Sykora
 - K-4 grade level reps
 - MS social studies department
 - HS social studies department
- What rubric was used to make decisions?
 - [K-4 selection tool](#)
 - [5-12 selection tool](#)

Curricular Material Recommendation

- Based on your review, what is recommended for purchase?
 - K-5, 7, and 8 teachers need a curriculum that is aligned to standards and 3Cs
 - 6th grade updated Northern Lights curriculum
 - 9-12 - Updated World Geography and World History
- What does it include (online, workbooks, PD, etc.)?
 - TCI includes teacher online access only or workbooks/consumables/journals (5 year access)
 - TCI 7th grade includes classroom set of texts
 - Grade 7 includes 5 year online subscription and classroom set
 - 9-12 includes Human Geography text and World History online subscription (6 year access)
- How much does it cost?
 - 2-5, 7, and 8
 - \$74,770.25 (primarily digital access model for teachers)
 - \$79,352.35 (print and student digital bundles)
 - Grade 6
 - \$2,000 (updated classroom set (currently in year __ of an online subscription))
 - Grade 9
 - \$13,958.35 (6 year online subscription and texts)
 - Grade 10
 - \$11,150 (6 year online subscription)