

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM  
SEPTEMBER 2007**

**DISTRICT GOAL**

Through the teaching of Social Studies related experiences, The Township of Franklin Public Schools shall give every pupil the opportunity to:

- 1) acquire basic skills in obtaining information, solving problems, thinking critically, and communicating effectively;
- 2) acquire a stock of basic information concerning the principles of the social sciences, the historical record of human achievements, and failures, and current social issues;
- 3) acquire the understanding of and the ability to form responsible relations with a wide range of other people, including but not limited to, those with social and cultural characteristics different from his/her own;
- 4) acquire understanding of ethical principles and values and the ability to apply them to his/her own life.
- 5) develop an understanding of the obligations and responsibilities of citizenship;
- 6) develop intellectual curiosity and eagerness for learning;
- 7) learn to enjoy the process of learning and to acquire the skills necessary for a lifetime of continuous learning and adaptation to change.

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**INTRODUCTION AND PHILOSOPHY**

During the 2006-2007 school year, revisions to the Social Studies Curriculum were made. All district teachers were invited to become members of the Social Studies Revision Committee. The task of the Committee was to revise the Social Studies Curriculum so that there would be continuity and alignment of the Social Studies Curricula of the two elementary school districts and the regional middle/high schools. District wide and individual grade level meetings were held. Representatives from Delsea Regional were consulted and teachers from Elk Township participated in the meetings. At these meetings, the committee reviewed:

- surveys of other Gloucester County school districts
- current and proposed Core Curriculum Content Standards

Two major changes resulted from these reviews :

- 1) In grade 5, the major emphasis was changed to include Life in the Eastern & Western Hemispheres and Native Americans.
- 2) In grade 6, the course of study was changed from World History to American History (effective Fall 2008).

The eight strands covered throughout Social Studies Curriculum are:

- Social Studies Skills (State Standard 6.1)
- Civics (State Standard 6.2)
- World History (State Standard 6.3)
- United States/New Jersey History (State Standard 6.4)
- Economics (State Standard 6.5)
- Geography (State Standard 6.6)

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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Social Studies Curriculum in the Township of Franklin Public Schools is to develop individuals who have proficiencies which will enable them to:

- 1) acquire and understand facts, concepts, and skills relating to our country's history, geography, government, and economic system.
- 2) become knowledgeable about and gain information concerning environmental awareness.
- 3) develop an understanding and appreciation for cultural differences.
- 4) learn techniques and become aware of resources available for solving social problems.
- 5) become good citizens, making informed decisions based on the processes of learning which they have acquired.

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**EVALUATION COMPONENTS**

Students will show satisfactory or better achievement of outcomes by:

- 1) receiving satisfactory grades on Unit tests;
- 2) completion of projects and activities;
- 3) orally participating in an appropriate fashion, both individually in whole class discussions and cooperatively in small group assignments.
- 4) showing satisfactory progress on report card.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION MODIFICATIONS**

The special education program in the Township of Franklin services the needs of the elementary school disabled population, ages three through twelve, or grades preschool through six. Programs within the district meet the needs of those students classified as Eligible for Special Education and Related Services due to learning, language, behavioral, or multiple disabilities. Students whose disabilities are so severe that their needs cannot be met within the district are placed into appropriate programs outside of the district.

The Township of Franklin is committed to providing a free and appropriate public education to all disabled children in the least restrictive environment. In an effort to insure that each student reaches his/her potential, an educational plan is designed specifically for each child. The special education program is structured to provide resource center, self-contained, and supported regular education instruction based on the educational needs of the student. The curriculum parallels that of the regular classroom with exceptions made for the individuality of the student.

Student progress in meeting the specific goals and objectives of his/her Individual Education Plan is monitored on an on-going basis by both the teacher and the student's case manager. An annual review is held each year to discuss both academic progress and objectives for the following year. Evaluation of progress may include, but is not limited to, teacher-made and standardized tests, informal observation, homework, classwork, and three-year re-evaluation.

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**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
Dolores Mazzoni	6	Caroline L. Reutter
Betty Nichols	6	Caroline L. Reutter
Barbara Freund	6	Caroline L. Reutter
Kelly Underwood	6	Caroline L. Reutter
John Stagliano	6	Caroline L. Reutter
Jennifer Cockerill	5	Caroline L. Reutter
Wanda Smith	5	Caroline L. Reutter
Joanne DelRossi	5	Caroline L. Reutter
Joyce Firman	5	Caroline L. Reutter
Lisa Stefano	6	Main Road
Anne Scaffo	6	Main Road
Benjamin Notaro	5	Main Road
Kathi Niewoehner	5	Main Road

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**CURRICULUM WRITER**

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