

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

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The district's instructional program for social studies education is designed to provide the opportunity for students to acquire the knowledge of content and concepts, to develop critical thinking and processing skills, and to adopt values necessary for responsible social, political, and economic participation in a diverse, interdependent, and changing world. Through implementation of the state academic standards, students will achieve college- and career-readiness by learning to analyze historical evidence, evaluate it, and then demonstrate their understanding of that evidence.

Schools will expose students to a variety of experiences (including those using interdisciplinary approaches) in the social sciences of economics, personal finance, sociology, psychology, geography, political science, anthropology, and history, enabling them to function effectively and contribute constructively within society. Schools will also include instruction on the founding principles that shaped the United States, including, at a minimum, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Federalist Papers, the structure of government, the role of the separation of powers, and the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

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Legal References:

- A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
 - 1. Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, 36 U.S.C.A. Section 106.
- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 59-29-155 - South Carolina Founding Principles Act.
 - 2. Section 59-29-55 - Instruction on African-American history.
 - 3. Section 59-29-120 - Instruction on United States Constitution and related concepts; required instruction on Veterans Day.
 - 4. Section 59-29-165 - Instruction in personal finance.
 - 5. Section 59-29-410, *et seq.* - Financial literacy instruction.
 - 6. Section 59-29-440, *et seq.* - South Carolina Financial Literacy Initiative.
- C. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:
 - 1. R43-231 - Defined program, grades K-5.
 - 2. R43-232 - Defined program, grades 6-8.
 - 3. R43-234 - Defined program, grades 9-12 and graduation requirements.