

Social Studies 9 Course Overview

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Course Description:

Students in the Social Studies 9 course will study how the U.S. government was established. They will focus on the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens, and the role of tribal governments. Students will learn skills required to be ethical, effective citizens in a democratic, multicultural society. Current events will aid in the student's connection between the course content and their role in affecting their community, society, and government.

Students will get an introduction to economic systems, economic decision making, and comparing different levels of economic development.

Students will learn how to analyze charts and maps, and the relationship between geography, government and economic activity.

Grading Policy:

School Wide Grading Scale

A: 93%-100%	B+: 87%-89%	C+: 77%-79%	D+: 67%-69%	F: Under 60%
A-: 90%-92%	B: 83%-86%	C: 73%-76%	D: 63%-66%	
	B-: 80%-82%	C-: 70%-72%	D-: 60%-62%	

- **Summative assessments:** unit exams and summative projects (65%) final exam (15%) will make up 80% of a student's grade.
Fall Trimester = Community Service(15%), Final Exam(15%) & unit exams(50%)
- **Formative assessments:** homework, quizzes, study guides, participation, worksheets, current events and some projects will make up the remaining 20% of their total grade.
- Per school policy, there will be no extra credit offered.

Final Exam- All end of trimester summative examinations will be multiple choice and matching. They will be cumulative for the trimester.

Late Work- Any assignment that is turned in after the original due date will be worth up to 50% of its' original value. After the unit, no late work will be accepted.

Retakes -All students may be eligible to retake one **unit** examination per trimester. The student will be given the score obtained on the retake regardless of whether the score is higher or lower than the original score.

To be eligible for a retake, a student must:

- Complete remedial work (including missing work)
- Complete the retake within 4 school days
- Complete the retake on a day designated by the teachers
- Conference with the teacher

We encourage students and families to track grades throughout the trimester. If you are concerned about your grade, please utilize academic seminar, retakes, and work hard throughout the trimester.

Cell phones, I-pods, food, and drinks:

Water may present in class in plastic bottles. **All else may be subject to confiscation.**

Classroom pass must be used to leave the room. Restroom and locker privileges only.

Items needed for class every day:

1. Chromebook (fully charged)
2. Notebook
3. Folder
4. Pen or pencil

Chromebooks: No listening to music during class. Social Studies 9 work only in class. If rules not followed, the student will be asked to put chromebook away for the rest of the class period. Additional consequences may follow if further infractions occur. No chargers will be allowed in the classroom.

Cheating: We will follow the [Jefferson cheating policy](#).

Attendance: Attendance is crucial. We will follow the [Jefferson attendance policy](#).