

SOCIAL STUDIES

<p>Civics Grade Level: 8 <i>SOL Test Required</i> Examine the roles citizens play in the political, governmental, and economic systems in the United States. Students will examine the constitutions of Virginia and the United States, will identify the rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizens, and will describe the structure and operation of government at the local, state, and national levels. Students will investigate the process by which decisions are made in the American market economy and explain the government’s role in it. The standards identify personal character traits, such as patriotism, respect for the law, willingness to perform public service, and a sense of civic duty, that facilitate thoughtful and effective active participation in the civic life of an increasingly diverse democratic society.</p>	<p>DE United States History Grade Level: 11 <i>Prerequisite: RCC entrance exam (VA placement test)</i> <i>Hybrid format: Online and RCC Instructor</i> This course is a college level class and students earn both high school and college credit. It is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with problems and issues in American History. Students will learn to evaluate historical materials for relevance to a problem, reliability, and importance. Methods of instruction include movies, lectures, essays, reading, book critiques, research papers, and role modeling. Exam requirements may differ from ECPS.</p>
<p>World Geography Grade Level: 9 Geography is the study of people, places, and resources. Students will explore the five themes of geography-location, place, region, movement, and human-environmental interaction. Physical and cultural geography of each continent will be discussed using various types of maps. Students will also compare economic and government systems and the impact of resources on development. Elements of culture like language, religion, art, and architecture will be examined for each region of the world. Students will also discuss problems like natural disasters, poverty, and rapid urbanization. An emphasis will be placed on interdependence and cooperation between regions of the world.</p>	<p>African Studies Grade Levels: 11-12 <i>Prerequisite: Minimum of 1 completed History SOL</i> This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the African American experience beginning with Africa through modern times. This course will address the introduction of Africans to the Americas, enslavement, emancipation, and the social and political challenges and triumphs that followed. In addition, the course will highlight the social, cultural and political contributions of African Americans to American society.</p>
<p>Modern World History A.D. - Present Grade Level: 10 <i>Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation</i> This course focuses on the study of the modern world from 1600 A.D. Students’ understanding</p>	<p>A.P. Government and Politics <i>Prerequisite: AP application</i> This College Board Advanced Placement course is taught as a college course to prepare seniors to take the AP examination and potentially earn</p>

<p>of the relationships of history, geography, economic and political events will be emphasized. Using texts, maps and charts, students will develop a comprehension of the history of different cultures and how this history has become part of American culture. Spatial concepts of geography will be connected to the chronological development of nations and people.</p>	<p>college credit. Students will develop an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. The course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific examples. Students will become familiar with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. politics. This course is for highly motivated students who are ready for college coursework. Students should also have a genuine interest in government and politics. Exam requirements may differ from ECPS. Students must take AP Exam to receive weighted credit.</p>
<p>Virginia and United States History Grade Level: 11 Virginia and United States History I Grade Level 10 Virginia and United States History II Grade Level 11 This course is a study of the founding and development of the United States through the examination of major events, people, issues, and policies. The principles in major documents such as the declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom are examined and related to life in modern times. Skills are developed in the areas of interpreting charts, and graphs, as well as learning the mechanics of developing a research project on a topic of the students' choice.</p>	<p>Economics and Personal Finance Grade Levels: 10–12 Required by the Virginia Department of Education for graduation and has required virtual component required for graduation. Students learn how to navigate the financial decisions they must face and to make informed decisions related to career exploration, budgeting, banking, credit, insurance, spending, taxes, saving, investing, buying/leasing a vehicle, living independently, and inheritance. Development of financial literacy skills and an understanding of economic principles will provide the basis for responsible citizenship and career success. In addition to developing personal finance skills, students in the 36-week course will also study basic occupational skills and concepts in preparation for entry-level employment in the field of finance. The course incorporates all economics and financial literacy objectives included in the Code of Virginia §22.1-200- 03B</p>
<p>Virginia and United States Government Grade Level: 12 This class consists of an in-depth study of our Democratic Republic and its interactions and relations with foreign governments. It takes an extensive look at the Constitution, its history, its changes, and each of the three branches of government which it establishes- the executive, legislative, and judicial. Additional focus is placed on the current issues that affect our country in its domestic and foreign affairs, as well as criminal law, political parties, and state and local governments. Independent research projects of various sizes and oral presentations are required for completion of this course. Several Socratic Seminars may be held throughout the year dealing with major political questions and current issues.</p>	