

# Social Studies in Anne Arundel County Public Schools

<b>Elementary School</b>	
<b>Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2.</b>	Social Studies and Science are integrated as students explore their school, their community and their world. Students are introduced to concepts of civics, economics and geography.
<b>Grade 3</b>	Students explore Anne Arundel County and the greater world community that influences their lives. There is a focus on Environmental Education and the year culminates with an Environment Action Project
<b>Grade 4</b>	Students engage in learning about the history, geography, political systems and economy of the state of Maryland from past to present.
<b>Grade 5</b>	Students dive into the history colonial America with a focus on the economics, geography and political events of that time. Students conduct project-based learning to understand the basic concepts of the American Constitution.
<b>Middle School</b>	
<b>Grade 6</b>	Global Studies I: Students explore the history, geography, economics and political systems of the Ancient World, Africa and South America.
<b>Grade 7</b>	Global Studies II: Students explore the history, geography, economics and political systems of Europe and Asia.
<b>Grade 8</b>	Students engage in learning about the history of the United States from the origins of the national government to the Gilded Age.
<b>High School</b>	
<b>United States History</b>	Students engage in learning about the history of the United States from Gilded Age to the present day. <b>(Required Course)</b>
<b>US Government and Politics</b>	Students explore the United States Government system with a focus on all branches and the specific structure/function of the state government of Maryland. <b>(Required Course)</b>
<b>World History</b>	Students study the history of the World from the era of the trading empires to present day. <b>(Required Course)</b>
<b>Electives</b>	Offered in history, geography, economics, civics and psychology related topics. <i>Offerings vary per high school.</i>

**Note:**

- ❖ All social studies teachers (Kindergarten-Grade 12) are teachers of literacy including writing.
- ❖ Every social studies course is aligned to state and appropriate national standards. Certain courses are aligned to state testing.