

Philosophy of Social Studies Education

Social Studies is the study of people, their activities and events, customs, resources, and institutions in relationship to self, others, and the environment.

The social studies program of the New Hampton Community School District is a structured learning opportunity that enhances individual development and prepares students for responsible citizenship in a democratic republic. The program develops an understanding of society's global nature and the interdependence of the world's people.

Social Studies will prepare our young people for a nation and world marked by interdependence, human diversity, and change. Through instruction in social studies, students acquire skills for self directed learning, positive attitudes, and a moral and ethical character.

The PK - 12 social studies program provides cumulative learning that will enable students to be responsible and responsive citizens in the local, national, and global community.

Essential Elements:

Culture

Time, Continuity and Change

People, Places, and Environment

Individual Development and Identity

Individuals, Groups, and Institutions

Power, Authority, and Governance

Production, Distribution, and Consumption

Science, Technology, and Society

Global Connections

Civic Ideals and Practices

Habits of the Mind