



SOCIAL STUDIES
Elementary School: Grade 2

Essential Course Information

- Course Revision
- Full Year

Course Overview

The course of study encompasses a broad overview of being conscious citizens in our local and global communities. Students will explore various rules and laws of society, how needs are met within a community and geography skills to better understand the world. Students will also glean an understanding of history while simultaneously appreciating and celebrating diverse cultures. The units herein will engage students, help them to develop their abilities to think, reason, conduct research and utilize technology. This course of study will promote literacy skills through examination of informational text through both primary and secondary resources.

Unit	Estimated Class Time	Overview
Unit 1 My Country My Government	8 weeks	In this unit, students will study how to act as responsible citizens within their own communities by following rules, laws and contributing to the society.
Unit 2 Meeting the Needs in a Community	8 weeks	In this unit, students will study how to make effective decisions based on the needs of the community.
Unit 3 Geography	8 weeks	In this unit, students will study how to use maps and globes to find places in the world and identify the characteristics of our Earth.
Unit 4 History Past and Present	8 weeks	In this unit, students will study how to determine that different aspects of life have changed throughout history and over time.
Unit 5 Celebrating Our Culture	8 weeks	In this unit, students will study the similarities and differences of diverse cultures, traditions, and customs throughout the community, country, and world.

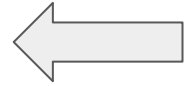
Content Continuum

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Grade 1 Social Studies

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INSTRUCTIONAL / SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

1. Textbook: Savvas My World! We Do Our Part
2. Supplemental readings and online resources to enhance understanding of course content and skills:
 - The NJ Amistad Commission
 - Learning for Justice
 - Epic!
3. All existing resources will be evaluated for alignment to new curriculum

KEY FEATURES OF REVISION

- Social studies curriculum was last revised in 2018.
- Student access to digital resources has expanded greatly.
- Alignment to the 2022 NJSL Social Studies
- Integration of diverse texts within the curriculum.
- Incorporations of activities and assessments that develop 21st century skills.

Differentiation strategies will be included

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