

SOCIAL STUDIES GOALS

The K - 12 social studies essential knowledge and skills have been developed from three broad-based goals designed to assist students in acquiring content knowledge, in developing positive attitudes and values and in developing independent learning skills and processes. Program goals will be communicated to the instructional staff through district and campus inservice sessions, professional growth mini-courses, and printed curriculum materials.

Goal #1:

Students will explore and acquire factual and generalized knowledge about people and their environments, including

- (1) the history, structure, and processes of the American economic system and other economic systems;
- (2) historical data and interpretations about Texas, the United States, and the world;
- (3) the institutions and processes of local, state, national, and other political systems;
- (4) local, state, national, and world geography;
- (5) psychological, sociological, and cultural factors affecting human behavior; and
- (6) the effects of advances in science and technology on the development of society.

Goal #2:

Students will examine their own values and attitudes and those of others to develop

- (1) self-respect and respect of others;
- (2) commitment to democratic beliefs, human freedom, and personal responsibility;
- (3) appreciation for the nature of and positive support for the American economic system; and
- (4) appreciation of world cultures.

Goal #3:

Students will develop skills and processes necessary for

- (1) obtaining, analyzing, and explaining information from various sources, including electronic technology;
- (2) applying historical and social science facts, concepts, rules, and generalizations;
- (3) problem-solving and decision-making; and
- (4) effective communication using multimedia, written, oral, and visual forms.