

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Curriculum in Social Studies

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Colossians 1:16

Scriptural Rationale:

We believe that, through our Social Studies Curriculum, students will become familiar with God's created world and people, see God's guidance and preservation in the past, and develop the necessary skills and attitudes to become Christian citizens of God's earthly kingdom. Additionally, students will learn principles of economics, geography, and other areas of Social Studies that will teach them to be responsible citizens who use God's gifts responsibly and to His glory.

General Objectives:

Through a study of social studies, students will:

- Develop an empathetic perspective of various peoples in different settings.
- Understand that events are precipitated by previous events, and we can learn from history to make God-pleasing decisions.
- Use skills learned in other disciplines in the study of Social Studies.
- Appreciate the varied landscape of God's creation.

Curriculum Resources

Teachers use a variety of resources to teach Social Studies at St. John's, including resources they create themselves to meet the needs and interests of their students. Please see below for a selection of the resources used at St. John's:

- Houghton Mifflin Social Studies: Communities (Grade 3rd)
- Houghton Mifflin Social Studies: States and Regions (Grade 4th)
- Houghton Mifflin Social Studies: United States History (Grade 5th)
- Houghton Mifflin Social Studies: World Cultures & Geography (Grade 6th)
- [American Stories](#) (US History, 7th & 8th)
- Teacher-Created Resources