

SAU 15 BROAD GOALS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

The purpose of Social Studies Education is to prepare students with the knowledge and skills to participate intelligently in our democratic society and in an interdependent world. Students will gain the knowledge, skills and values that lead to economic self-sufficiency and personal self-fulfillment. They will demonstrate an understanding of the meaning, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship as well as apply their knowledge of the ideals, principles, organization and operation of American government through the political process and citizen involvement.

Historians group the learning standards of World History and US History in time periods commonly accepted. Teachers are encouraged to enrich the classroom environment by incorporating current events and issues that have a significant relationship to themes or events under study. Students will demonstrate an awareness of, and concern for the ways that the world's people, resources, and environments are interrelated and interdependent. Students will develop an understanding of patterns and results of international trade including distribution of economic resources, imports and exports, specialization, interdependence, exchange of money, and trade politics.

Students will demonstrate knowledge of geography on New Hampshire, the United States, and the world and understand the impact of geography on political, economic, and social developments. Students will apply the knowledge, skills, principles and ideals of civics/issues and develop an appreciation of the interrelatedness of each of these fields.