

WEST JEFFERSON HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM STRANDS – SOCIAL STUDIES

GRADE 6

CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT

- I. Principles and Documents of Government**
 - a. Purpose of Government
 - b. Rule of Law
 - c. Principles and Ideals that Shape Government
 - d. Sources, Purpose, and Functions of Law
 - e. Individual Rights and the Common Good
 - f. Roles of Symbols and Holidays
 - g. Role of Courts in Resolving Conflicts

- II. Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship**
 - a. Sources and Resolution of Conflicts
 - b. Consequences of Violating Rules and Laws

- III. How Government Works**
 - a. Structure, Organization and Operation of Governments
 - b. Branches of Government
 - c. Services Performed by Governments
 - d. Role of Leaders in Government
 - e. Kinds of Government

- IV. How International Relationships Function**
 - a. How Customs and Traditions Influence Governments
 - b. Purposes and Functions of International Organizations

ECONOMICS

- I. Economic Systems**
 - a. Similarities and Differences in Economic Systems
 - b. Traditional, Command, and Market Economics
 - c. Measures of Economic Activity

- II. Markets and the Functions of Governments**
 - a. Costs and Benefits of Competition
 - b. Forces that Can Change Price
 - c. Sources of Tax Revenue
 - d. Benefits of Taxation

III. Scarcity and Choice

- a. Scarcity and Limited Resources
- b. Economic Reasoning of Choices
- c. Allocation of Resources

IV. Economic Interdependence

- a. Specialization
- b. Trade
- c. Geographic Patterns of Economic Activities

V. Work and Earnings

- a. Types of Business
- b. Distribution of Wealth

HISTORY

I. Historical Analysis and Skills Development

- a. Chronological Thinking
- b. Historical Comprehension
- c. Historical Interpretation
- d. Historical Research
- e. Cause and Effect

II. Pennsylvania History

- a. Contribution of Individuals and Groups
- b. Documents, Artifacts, and Historical Places
- c. Influences of Continuity and Change
- d. Conflict and Cooperation among Groups

III. United States History

- a. Contribution of Individuals and Groups
- b. Documents, Artifacts, and Historical Places
- c. Influences of Continuity and Change
- d. Conflict and Cooperation Among Groups

IV. World History

- a. Contributions of Individual and Groups
- b. Documents, Artifacts, and Historical Places
- c. Influences of Continuity and Change
- d. Conflict and Cooperation Among Groups
- e. Characteristics of a Civilization
- f. Cultural Influence in the Eastern Hemisphere
- g. Relate how the Present has been Influenced by the Past

GEOGRAPHY

I. Basic Geographic Literacy

- a. Geographic Tools
- b. Location of Places and Regions

II. The Physical Characteristics of Places and Regions

- a. Physical Systems and Properties

III. The Human Characteristics of Places and Regions

- a. Population
- b. Culture
- c. Settlement
- d. Economic Activity
- e. Political Activity

IV. Interactions Between People and Places

- a. Impact of Physical Systems on People
- b. Impact of People on Physical Systems