

**Social Studies – Government**  
**Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn CSD**  
**Grade Level/Course Benchmarks**

By the end of Government, the students will:

1. have a knowledge of the location of the states, the concentration of various cultures and people, and how this affects our political system (Standard 1)
2. use the past and present, including other cultures, situations, and places, to solve problems, make decisions, and predict/anticipate future problems (Standards 2, 5, & 12)
3. understand how civil society allows individuals or groups to influence government through voting, elections, and various other means (Standard 3)
4. understand ideas and methods to meet needs and wants of citizens, establish order and security, and balance diverse political needs and desires (Standard 4)
5. know how technology, communications, information processing, weapons development, and scientific research have influenced the political environment (Standard 7)
6. examine and understand current issues and social problems, and relate them to content material (Standard 11)
7. know the importance of and understand how to develop higher level thinking skills (Standard 12)
8. support their positions and viewpoints in a responsible manner (Standard 12)
9. analyze and recognize the value of others' opinions, while maintaining objectivity (Standard 12)