

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

By the end of Psychology, students will:

1. know how the field of psychology views humans and human behavior (Standard 2)
2. recognize the impact of stereotyping and classifying individuals and groups (Standard 2)
3. understand and be able to describe the ways in which family, religion, gender, ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic status, and other factors contribute to the sense of self (Standard 6)
4. know and be able to apply concepts, methods, and theories about the study of human growth and development, such as learning, motivation, behavior, perception and personality (Standard 6)
5. understand the stages of human development and abnormalities which may result during development (Standard 6)
6. know about the various personality theories, founders of each theory, and specific therapy techniques (Standard 6)
7. understand the relevance and importance of the various stages of consciousness and sleep (Standard 6)
8. realize factors that contribute to and damage one's mental health (Standard 7)
9. analyze issues related to mental health and behavioral disorders in contemporary society (Standard 7)
10. understand that all human beings have basic needs, wants, desires, goals, and feelings, and what consequences result when these are not realized (Standard 8)
11. know the importance of and understand how to develop higher level thinking skills (Standard 12)
12. support their positions and viewpoints in a responsible manner (Standard 12)
13. analyze and recognize the value of others' opinions, while maintaining objectivity (Standard 12)

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