

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

By the end of Sociology, students will:

1. know what culture and society are (Standard 1 and 2)
2. understand physical location of certain cultures and societies (Standard 1 and 2)
3. know that each society, community, and group develops its own culture (Standard 1 and 2)
4. realize that each of these cultures serves a vital and integral part in our world (Standard 1 and 2)
5. understand that each society should be recognized for its contributions and diversity, and should be evaluated objectively (Standard 1 and 2)
6. understand and analyze group and institutional influences on people, events, and elements of culture in both historical and contemporary settings (Standard 5)
7. know and apply concepts such as role, status, and social class in appropriate situations (Standard 6)
8. describe connections and interactions of individuals, groups, and institutions in society (Standard 6)
9. understand communities, groups, and subcultures to which they belong and how they impact behavior (Standard 6)
10. understand and identify roles and relationships they and others have and how they impact behavior (Standard 6)
11. understand and explain forces of change in current and past American and world society (Standard 6)
12. know and analyze social and economic effects of environmental changes, both natural and man made (Standard 7)
13. know the extent to which groups and institutions meet individual needs and promote the common good in both small and large groups (Standard 10)
14. identify major sociological problems in American society (Standard 11)
15. predict or determine the impact of problems on societies present and future (Standard 11)

16. explain significant causes of these problems (Standard 11)
17. be able to combine causes, consequences, and possible solutions to persistent, contemporary global issues
18. know the importance of and understand how to develop higher level thinking skills (Standard 12)
19. support their positions and viewpoints in a responsible manner. (Standard 12)
20. analyze and recognize the value of others opinions, while maintaining objectivity (Standard 12)