

Social Studies – Grade 8
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn CSD
Grade Level/Course Benchmarks

By the end of 8th grade social studies, students will:

1. understand the historical development of American Democracy (Standard 5 and 9)
2. understand the principles of the Constitution (Standards 5, 11, and 12)
3. understand the Bill of Rights and the other amendments (Standard 3 and 9)
4. know the rights and responsibilities of a good citizen (Standards 2, 3, and 4)
5. understand political parties and the political process (Standards 2 and 4)
6. know the election and voting process. (Standard 4)
7. understand the legislative, executive and judicial branches of our government. (Standard 4)
8. understand state government (Standard 6)
9. understand the workings of local government (city, county, township) (Standard 6)
10. understand civil and criminal law and citizens' rights (Standards 3, 5, and 9)