



Social Studies Practices Overview

The Social Studies Practices reflect the key skills and disciplinary tools to prepare students for college, career, and civic life. The practices are meant to be integrated with the instruction of content standards. The five practices are defined broadly below and are further delineated on pg. 6. The social studies practices are designed to support student mastery of the content through a progression of skills PK-12.

Engage in Democratic Processes

Understanding civic virtues and the role of civic institutions. Students will gain knowledge of the history, principles, and foundations of American democracy to participate in civic and democratic processes. Students will identify the institutions of American government to analyze their role as responsible citizens.



Acquire, Apply, and Evaluate Evidence

Understanding and using strategies to analyze evidence in the social studies. Students will evaluate historical, geographic, and economic information. Students will draw conclusions from primary and secondary sources to formulate informed decisions.



Read Critically and Interpret Information Sources

Understanding the purpose of engaging with text. Students will evaluate factual information and points of view as presented in text. Students will read historical and contemporary texts to engage in collaborative discussion.



Analyze and Address Authentic Civic Issues

Understanding the importance of critical questioning to solve real world problems. Students will develop essential questions to frame independent inquiry related to the past and present. Students will identify and address public problems individually and collaboratively to improve communities and society.



Engage in Evidence-Based Writing

Understanding the multiple purposes of the writing process. Students will develop written products designed for a variety of social studies related investigations. Students will use and integrate evidence to present knowledge and support opinion.