

Course Nos. E523  
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Orange Unified School District  
Fundamentals of Social Studies 2, 3, 4  
Year Course

Grade: 10-12

Prerequisites: None

Introduction of the Subject:

Fundamentals of Social Science 2, 3, and 4 are courses designed to support and improve skills for students with disabilities who are on differentiated graduation standards. The courses focus on meeting the needs of individual students within an environment which supports individual and small group learning. Students will study history and culture as it functionally applies to their involvement in school and community.

Course Objectives:

- Students will study world geography and cultures to gain an understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures and traditions in their communities.
- Students will study United States History and local history to gain an understanding of American traditions and important historical figures and events.
- Students will study American government and understand their civic responsibilities as American citizens.

Support Materials: Maps, visuals, culturally-significant realia

Course Overview:

World Geography, History and Cultures

Identify continents, major bodies of water, countries and capitals

History, cultures and traditions of indigenous peoples

United States Geography, History and Traditions

Identify major geographical features including mountains, rivers and lakes

Identify states and their capitals

Founding of the United States

Civil War

Major figures in American history, how and why we honor them

Importance of celebrations of major events in American history

Local History and Government

Major geographical features of the county and cities  
Important historical sites and cultural venues  
Cultural diversity within Orange County

Civics and Government

US Constitution

US Government structure

State and local governmental bodies

Voting, rights and responsibilities as citizens

Economics

Functional banking: checks, credit cards, ATM, tax and interest, loans

Manufacturing to consumer cycle

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