

OSPI Suggested K-12 Social Studies Scope and Sequence

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Grade Level	Content & Regional Focus of WA K-12 Social Studies Learning Standards	Possible OSPI-Developed Assessments*	High School Credit Requirements Addressed**
K	Self (near & far; now & then)		<i>In addition to the graduation requirements, districts must ensure that all students have an opportunity to learn the K-12 Social Studies Learning Standards.</i>
1	Families (near & far; now & then)		
2	Community (near & far; now & then)		
3	Culture: People, Places, and Environment	Cultural Contributions, Meeting Needs & Wants, Humans & the Environment	
4	Washington State History (local tribal history)	Whose Rules? , Dig Deep-Analyzing Sources, People on the Move	
5	US History (pre-colonial period to Independence)	You Decide , Causes of Conflict, What's the Big Idea?	
6	World Geography & World History (Ancient Civilizations)	People on the Move, Why History?, Enduring Cultures, Meeting Needs & Wants	
7	World History, continued (600 - 1450) & Washington State History and Government (local tribal history)	Dig Deep-Analyzing Sources, Humans & the Environment, International Relations, Causes of Conflict	Meets Washington State History and Government non-credit requirement (successful completion recorded on transcript)
8	US History & Government (primarily 19th Century)	Constitutional Issues, Checks & Balances	Meets Social Studies elective and/or CWP credit requirements (assuming content is primarily 20 th & 21 st Centuries)
9/10	World History (1450 to Present)	Humans & the Environment, Causes of Conflict, Technology Through the Ages	
11	US History (primarily 20th & 21st Centuries)	Checks & Balances, Constitutional Issues , Dig Deep-Analyzing Sources, US Foreign Policy	
12	Contemporary World Problems and Civics	Checks & Balances, Constitutional Issues , Cultural Interactions, Government Revenue & Responsibility, You & the Economy	Meets Civics and/or Contemporary World History, Geography, and Problems credit requirements (CWP)

*Note: the suggested grade-level placements of the assessments are only recommendations and districts may choose to place the assessments at different grade levels within the same grade band. In response to RCW 28A.230.095, OSPI recommends that districts administer at least one Social Studies CBA in elementary, middle, and high school. It should be noted that state law requires districts to administer a Civics assessment at 4th or 5th, 7th or 8th, and 11th or 12th grade levels. The OSPI-Developed Civics assessments are shown in bold above.

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