

K-12

BALANCED SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTION



In the Cobb County School District, balanced Social Studies instruction equips students with the knowledge and skills to understand a rapidly changing world. Instruction is aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence for Social Studies and prepares young citizens to work together, solve problems, and contribute to their communities as informed, engaged participants in civic life.

RAISING QUESTIONS & PLANNING INQUIRIES

- Students question the world around them, driving the inquiry process.
- Students explore the relationship between individuals and society and investigate important issues and events that are relevant to their lives.

APPLYING DISCIPLINARY TOOLS & THINKING

- Students use concepts from history, civics, economics, and geography to frame and analyze problems.
- Students apply disciplinary lenses to interpret events, trends, and relationships.

EVALUATING SOURCES & USING EVIDENCE

- Students gather relevant information from multiple sources using a wide range of perspectives and evaluate for credibility.
- Students identify and utilize evidence to support claims, explanations, and conclusions.

COMMUNICATING & TAKING ACTION

- Students construct arguments, explanations, and/or public presentations that convey ideas to a wide array of appropriate audiences.
- Students critique the arguments and explanations of others, paying attention to credibility and relevance.
- Students evaluate solutions, select appropriate strategies, and take informed action.

SOCIAL STUDIES FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Social Studies is rooted in inquiry that provides an education in history, civics, government, economics, and geography. As students build an understanding of Social Studies, they raise questions, evaluate sources, weigh evidence, and communicate conclusions. Through the inquiry process, students engage in the types of thinking used by historians, geographers, political scientists, and economists. The outcomes of such relevant learning experiences prepare future citizens to communicate and creatively resolve the problems of our world.

