

GIFTED PROGRAM SOCIAL STUDIES

P.S. DuPont Middle School

Our gifted social studies curriculum starts with the state standards at each grade level. However, due to the nature of the gifted child, our students learn in an environment in which the pace is accelerated & the depth of the material is richer. The activities are grounded in a hands-on, student-driven learning approach and challenge students to use their knowledge to solve real world problems. Students are encouraged to incorporate their creativity & interests into the topics/projects which cover both historical phenomenon and contemporary issues.



6th Grade Units

1. Mental Mapping/Physical Geography of the World
2. Economic Systems
3. Human Interactions with the Environment
4. Powers/Purposes of Government
5. National History Day

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7th Grade Units

Civics – (Origins of Government, U.S. Government, U.S. Court System, Minority Rights/Individual Freedom)

Economics – (Economics Basics, Supply & Demand, Money & Banking, The FED, Taxes, Inflation, Trade)

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8th Grade Units

United States History

The 8th grade curriculum analyzes historical events beginning with the Age of Exploration (1300's) and moving chronologically to the westward expansion of the United States (mid-1800's)

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