

Social Studies Courses

6th grade – World History

7th grade – Civics

8th grade – United States History

2 options per grade level – Standard or Advanced (Pre-AP)

Both courses teach the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for each grade level.

Both courses teach the Common Core Literacy Standards

Both courses will utilize the state adopted textbook & the History Alive text purchased by Swiss Point.

Expectations for Advanced:

- Primary Source Materials
 - Students are expected to read primary source materials on their own to gain a more in-depth understanding of the times and people being studied.
 - Students will often analyze multiple texts of various media types to gain perspective on primary sources and the events they describe.
 - Students will be asked to analyze primary sources using a variety of strategies that promote higher order thinking, speaking, and writing skills as required by Common Core and Advanced Placement courses.
 - Students will discuss their findings from primary and other sources in small and whole group collaborative sessions to gain knowledge and skills required for further study and assessment.
- Students must demonstrate habits of scholarship in all areas of their learning. Some examples are:
 - Students are expected to research debate and/or writing topics in order to support and justify their claims.
 - Students are expected to take detailed notes on the material they read. Since assessments require higher-order thinking, students need detailed notes from which to study.
 - Students are expected to spend time, nightly, reviewing material. An in-depth understanding is critical in order to meet the cognitive demands of the course—assignments, activities and assessments.
 - Students, when absent, are expected to use the teacher's website to obtain information about what was missed and to download any assignments. Students are expected to return to class with missing assignments completed and/or ready to take a missed assessment.
- Assessments
 - Additional assessments on enrichment content, will be given to students in Advanced.
- Writing
 - On assessments, students must show evidence of understanding the material by writing responses with elaboration and detail from their studies and show the ability to analyze and evaluate options.