

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

### A) THE WORLD IN SPATIAL TERMS

- Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.
- Understand how to use mental maps to organize information about people, places, and environments in a spatial context.
- Understand how to analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth's surface.

### B) PLACES AND REGIONS

- Understand the physical and human characteristics of places.
- Understand that people create regions to interpret Earth's complexity.
- Understand how culture and experience influence people's perceptions of places and regions.

### C) PHYSICAL SYSTEMS

- Understand the physical processes that shape the patterns of Earth's surface.
- Understand the characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems on Earth's surface.

### D) HUMAN SYSTEMS

- Understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations on Earth's surface.
- Understand the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of Earth's cultural mosaics.
- Understand the patterns and networks of economic interdependence on Earth's surface.
- Understand the processes, patterns, and functions of human settlement.
- Understand how the forces of cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of Earth's surface.

### E) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

- Understand how human actions modify the physical environment.
- Understand how physical systems affect human systems.
- Understand the changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution, and importance of resources.

### F) THE USES OF GEOGRAPHY

- Understand how to apply geography to interpret the past.
- Understand how to apply geography to interpret the present and plan for the future.

## LANGUAGE ARTS: Foreign Language

### G) COMMUNICATION (Communicate in Languages Other Than English)

- Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions
- Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics
- Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

### H) CULTURES (Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures)

- Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied
- Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied

### I) CONNECTIONS (Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information)

- Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines
- Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures