

**TO:** Mr. John Fennell  
Curriculum Director

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Department

**SUBJECT:** Middle School Curriculum

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Mr. Fennell, in order to bring Minidoka County School District's, Social Studies Curriculum in line with the State of Idaho and to better prepare for ISAT testing, the following has been recommended by the Social Studies Departments of Minico, East Minico, and West Minico for the school year 2008 - 2009.

1. Discontinue the teaching of Idaho History in the eighth grade as Idaho History has been removed from the State of Idaho Curriculum.
2. The sixth grade will teach units on United States History including Geography of both the United States and Canada.
3. The seventh grade will teach units on Mexico, Central America, South America, Africa, and Europe.
4. The eighth grade will teach units on Middle East, Eurasia, Asia and the Pacific Islands including Australia.

By making these changes it will be possible to insure the following items will be covered and insure all the standards are complied with.

1. The economy of each country
2. The culture of each country
3. Migration of each country
4. Governments of the countries
5. The geography of the several countries

Cost of the Change:

The cost of the change will be ZERO as we will be able to use the current books. We propose to use a classroom set of books therefore using the books each school has. Each class will keep extra books for students to check out if home work is required. This will sustain us until we look at our new curriculum in two more years.

Both Mr. Kevan Vogt and Mrs. Sandra Miller have been consulted and approve of this change as it will bring us in line with the State of Idaho Standards and will better prepare the students for their Social Studies ISAT testing.