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# Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Adoption 5.20.25

# Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Review

## Process:

Curriculum Review Task Force (CRTF) → Recommendation → Adoption → Implementation

## Parameters:

- ISD 622 Strategic Plan: All students will successfully meet academic standards.
- Alignment to the 2021 Minnesota Academic Standards in Social Studies & [ISD 622 Resource Review Rubric](#)
- Teacher voice at the center of resource selection
- ML, Student Services, and American Indian Education collaboration
- 6th grade will continue to use the current Northern Lights Minnesota Studies curriculum resource from the MN Historical Society: new version aligned to the 2021 Social Studies Standards will be released for SY 26-27



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# 6-12 Social Studies Curriculum Review Timeline

SY 24-25	SY25-26	SY26-27
7th & 8th grade CRTF  Personal Finance course created: Math, Business, Social Studies and FACS	Implement 7th & 8th grade aligned resources  9-12 CRTF begins  Personal Finance course begins, graduation requirement for class of 2028	Full implementation of 2021 MN Social Studies Standards 6-12  Ensure MDE Ethnic Studies framework aligned elective course at each high school

# Recommendation

The 7th & 8th grade Social Studies CRTF recommends the adoption of: *McGraw-Hill United States History Voices & Perspectives, Exploring Geography & Global Issues*

- Strengths cited by teachers:
  - comprehensive and flexible design that supports both student engagement and instructional best practices
  - extensive primary sources from multiple perspectives, paired with focused, compelling questions that align with the Inquiry Design Model process
  - embedded teacher supports for meeting the needs of students receiving ML and SPED services
  - online platform features built-in supports, including read-aloud capabilities and differentiated reading levels
- Resolution for curriculum purchase, proposing multi-year agreement (6 years)