



Social Studies

Elementary Schools
Grades K-5

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Important Background Information

- In the Elementary Schools, schedules are slightly different at the K-2 and 3-5 levels. Thematic studies includes science and social studies.
- Departmentalization begins at Meeting House Hill School
- Our curriculum will be aligned to the new Social Studies Standards and our new resources
- Vertical Integration has been achieved K-12



K-5 Social Studies Committee

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Katy Stroh & Matt Schlosser	Meeting House Hill School	Grade 5
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Dr. Jason McKinnon	Assistant Superintendent	



Grades K-2 Curriculum Sequence

Kindergarten

**Me and my community: home,
class, school, town**

Grade 1

**Community beyond my
neighborhood: citizenship,
community needs, US symbols**

Grade 2

**Making a difference: democratic
principals, rights and
responsibilities, leaders of
government**



Grades 3-5 Curriculum Sequence

Grade 3

Connecticut: past and present.
Structure & function of local
government. Impact of
geography on development

Grade 4

Geography Themes: US regions

Grade 5

US History I: Earliest Settlements
in North America. Colonies and
the American Revolution



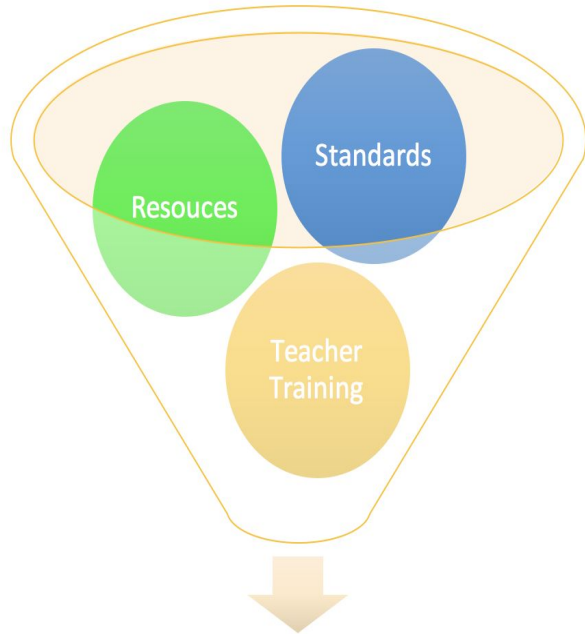
Grades K-2 Text Resource: Discover Kids

- Student Magazines deliver social studies content in a highly-visual format
- Teacher's guide provides support for the print and digital features so teachers can focus on delivering highly effective instruction
- Access and equity to meet the needs of all learners
- Informal and Benchmark assessments
- Consistent lesson format for teachers: Introduce, Teach, Connect, Assess

Grades 3-5 Text Resource: My World Interactive

- My World Interactive fully engages students in real-world activities and practices of citizenship
- Strongly supports ELA instruction: close text reading, vocabulary development, language skills and communication
- Differentiates for all students: Advanced, emerging, special education and ELL students
- Focus on primary source documents is a strong bridge to grades 6-12 practices
- Fosters critical thinking by asking students to analyze, evaluate, and work with others
- Formative Assessments to support student growth and teacher feedback

Next steps & timeline



High Quality Curriculum

