



New Hampshire

Department of Education

CHAPTER Ed 300 ADMINISTRATION OF MINIMUM STANDARDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ed 306.46 Social Studies Program.

(a) Pursuant to Ed 306.26, the local school board shall require that a social studies program in each elementary school grade, excluding kindergarten, and excepting Holocaust and genocide education, as applicable pursuant to Ed 306.26(h) which is to be implemented no later than 8th grade, provides:

(1) Opportunities for students to:

- a. Acquire knowledge and understanding of civics, economics, geography, history, and Holocaust and genocide education, as applicable pursuant to Ed 306.26(h), in a program consistent with the requirements under RSA 193-C:3, III; and
- b. Become familiar with the skills of decision making, data gathering, and critical thinking;

(2) Pursuant to RSA 186:13, opportunities to practice citizenship in the school and community;

(3) Pursuant to RSA 189:11, instruction in history and government and the constitutions of the United States and New Hampshire; and

(4) Opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for effective participation in the life of the community, the state, the nation, and the world.

(b) Pursuant to Ed 306.26, the local school board shall require that a social studies program in each middle school provides:

- (1) Opportunities for students to acquire knowledge and understanding of civics, economics, geography, history, and Holocaust and genocide education, as applicable pursuant to Ed 306.26(h), in a program consistent with RSA 193-C:3, III;

(2) Pursuant to RSA 186:13, opportunities to practice citizenship in the school and community;

(3) Pursuant to RSA 189:11, instruction in history and government and the constitutions of the United States and New Hampshire; and

(4) Systematic instruction and activities designed to enable students to:

- a. Acquire and use information to clarify issues and seek solutions to societal problems;
- b. Value and apply critical thinking, interpersonal relations, and decision-making skills in both individual and group problem-solving situations;
- c. Participate in and contribute to the well-being of the home and school as well as the larger communities of the state, nation, and world; and
- d. Become familiar with careers in history, the humanities, and the social sciences.

(c) Pursuant to Ed 306.27, the local school board shall require that a social studies program in each high school provides:

(1) Opportunities for students to acquire knowledge and modes of inquiry in the areas of civics, economics, geography, world history, United States and New Hampshire history, and Holocaust and genocide education pursuant to Ed 306.27(ai), in a program consistent with RSA 193-C:3, III, including the related areas of sociology, anthropology, and psychology;

(2) Opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for effective participation in the life of the community, the state, the nation, and the world;

(3) Pursuant to RSA 186:13, opportunities to practice citizenship in the school and community;

(4) Courses totaling at least 5 credits in social studies comprised of offerings in each of the following areas:

- a. At least one credit in national and state history pursuant to RSA 189:11;
- b. At least one credit in world history or global studies;
- c. At least one credit in geography;
- d. At least ½ credit in United States and New Hampshire government/civics;
- e. At least ½ credit in economics; and
- f. At least one credit, which may be interdisciplinary or integrated, to be chosen from the areas of geography, economics, world history, civics/government, state or national history or both, or behavioral studies; and

(5) Systematic instruction and activities designed to enable students to acquire the skills of critical thinking, effective decision making, and human relations.

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