

“The students really enjoy and learn a lot from the Internet assignments, e.g., Canada Scavenger Hunt. The scenarios are very thought-provoking and evoke enthusiastic class discussions.”

- 5th grade teacher

Technology Connections

Through the use of instructional technology, the curriculum promotes higher-order thinking skills and collaborative learning. Lessons integrating technology include:

- Rich, hard-to-find information sources
- Access to primary source documents
- Real-time data
- Real-world connections
- Online publishing
- Interactive applications
- Video clips aligned to curriculum

Professional Development to Support Implementation

Annual implementation trainings are provided at PNW BOCES, and through our regional BOCES Partners. Additionally, content experts are available to provide in-depth training and technical support through in district professional development and the maintenance of grade level listservs.

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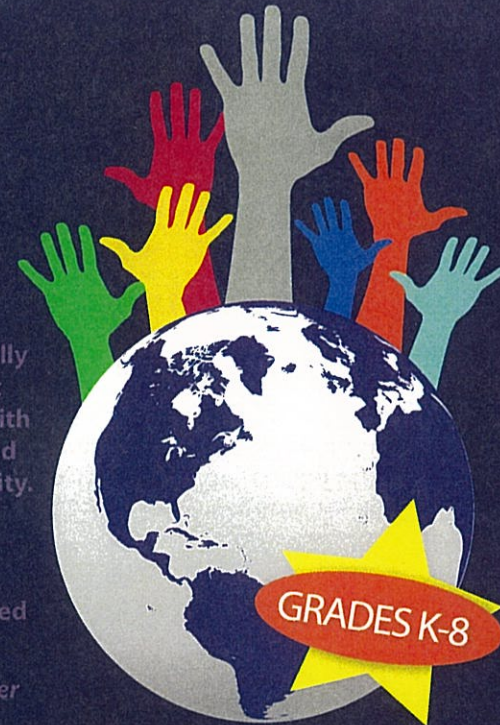
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THE INTEGRATED Social Studies/ELA Curriculum

The units are very age-appropriate and teacher friendly. We really enjoy that most lessons come with a read-aloud and a planned activity. This is a very interactive and fun way of teaching required material.

- 1st grade teacher



Integrating links and web sites allow me to use technology effectively and have students use live data from primary source documents.

- 3rd grade teacher

The Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES Integrated Social Studies/ELA Curriculum for elementary educators combines the best of researched practices for developing content knowledge, planning instructional design, creating assessments, and integrating it all with technology. Students and teachers receive meaningful opportunities for a well-integrated curriculum.

- Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum

Integrated Social Studies / ELA Curriculum

The Integrated SS/ELA Curriculum is a web-based, user-friendly curriculum developed by teachers from the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES region and beyond. The curriculum development process was guided by expert social studies and technology consultants utilizing the Understanding by Design Framework. Following a continuous improvement model, the curriculum is updated annually. The content of the curriculum is aligned to:

- The New York State Social Studies Framework
- C3 Inquiries
- The New York State Learning Standards for Language Arts and Literacy in Social Studies/History.

Comprehensive, User-Friendly Curriculum

The entire curriculum is available on the web, and all lessons can be used directly from the web or printed out. To encourage articulation and collaboration, teachers have access to all grade levels. Each unit in the curriculum includes:

- A unit overview
- Readings and worksheets
- Annotated links, web pages and video clips
- Background information for teachers
- Aligned literature in the relevant content areas
- Guided reading suggestions
- Unit illustrated glossaries
- Unit Assessments
- Rubrics specific to each writing task
- Spanish Translations

Balanced Literacy Connections

A strong literature component is one hallmark of this program with read-alouds identified and annotated. Questioning strategies are presented. To support a balanced literacy classroom, teachers can access guided reading suggestions, ideas for using varied genre, and leveled book lists. Writing tasks ask students to compare and contrast, identify point of view, make claims, write persuasively, use evidence, write letters, and complete document-based questions.

Curriculum Units K-8

Kindergarten

Getting to Know Myself and Others

- Myself and Others
- How Can I Be a Good Citizen?
- Understanding Economics/Geography

Grade 1

My Family and Other Families Now and Long Ago

- Rules and Laws • Unity in Community
- We Are Family • Economics

Grade 2

My Community and Other United States Communities

- Active Citizenship
- Rural, Urban and Suburban Communities
- Geography of Communities
- Change and Interdependence in Communities

Grade 3

Communities Around the World: People and Places

- Geography • China
- United States • Kenya
- Brazil • Making a Difference
Around the World

Grade 4

N.Y. State History and Government

- The Three Worlds: Native Americans, Europeans and Africans Merge
- The Impact of the Colonial & Revolutionary War Periods
- National and Local Government
- Change Comes to Our State

Grade 5

The Western Hemisphere

- A New World Rising
- European Exploration and Slavery
- Geography in the Western Hemisphere
- Government in the Western Hemisphere
- Economics in the Western Hemisphere
- Cultural Diversity

Grade 6

The Eastern Hemisphere

- Neolithic Revolution
- River Valley Civilizations
- Classical Civilizations
- Comparative World Religions
- Mediterranean World
- Interactions Across the Eastern Hemisphere

Grade 7

History of the United States and N.Y. State I

- When Worlds Collide
- American Independence
- Failure, Framework & Flexibility
- America Transformed
- A Nation Divided and Reunited

Grade 8

History of the United States and N.Y. State II

- Change and Growth
- America Expands Beyond its Borders
- The Roaring 20's and the New Deal
- World War II and Foreign Policy
- Domestic Challenges Post World War II

“The curriculum is engaging and rich;
it inspires students to ask questions.”
- 4th grade teacher

