

**Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES**  
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**Grades 5 and 8 Social Studies Item Maps**

As per NYSED website

The Social Studies Item Maps for Grades 5 and 8 are the last pages of Rating Guide 1. They are not separate documents as they are for English language arts and math.

The links are as follows:

Grade 5 social studies: <http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/scostei/socstudies5.html>

Grade 8 social studies:

<http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/scostei/socstudies8.html>

**Updated Social Studies FAQ**

As per Anne Schiano, Assistant Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, NYSED

The Frequently Asked Questions page on the social studies website has been updated to answer questions such as:

- What is the time requirement for social studies instruction each year?
- What other requirements are in NYS Education Law related to social studies education?
- Can a school replace the Participation in Government and Economics courses with either AP Government or AP Economics courses?
- Does NYS require instruction in financial literacy?

The social studies FAQ website can be accessed at:

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/ssfaq.html>

**Geometry Regents Test Sampler**

As per Anne Schiano, Assistant Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, NYSED  
SED has posted the Regents Examination in Geometry Test Sampler. This Test Sampler consists of examples of the types of questions, the formatting, and the scoring guides that are being developed for the examination. It may be duplicated for classroom instruction and can be accessed on the SED website at:

<http://emsc.nysed.gov/osa/mathre/geometry-sampler.pdf>

In addition, you may access the Mathematics Core Curriculum for Geometry at:

<http://emsc.nysed.gov/osa/hsgen/matcore-05/mc-geo-05.pdf>