



Adventist Education

A JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

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**SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS
IN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS**

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Social Studies Standards

OUR GOAL

The goal of Seventh-day Adventist education is about more than quality teachers providing innovative instruction. Adventist education aims to provide student learning infused with Christian faith and an Adventist worldview. To achieve this goal Seventh-day Adventist standards for grades 9-12 subjects have been carefully developed to embody Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and to prepare students for life-long learning, equipping them for earthly service and heavenly citizenship. An education of this kind imparts strong academic knowledge and a clear picture of Christ and His love for mankind.

These standards focus on what students should know, understand and be able to do. They will be a useful tool for teachers in developing lessons and ensure a thorough preparation for college or university when fully implemented across the curriculum.

Seventh-day Adventist Secondary Standards:

1. Provide clear expectations for student learning and accountability.
2. Provide an essential user-friendly tool for developing instruction.
3. Transform textbooks from curriculum guide to a resource for instruction.
4. Provide for a complete and uniform Adventist secondary curriculum.
5. Have been developed exclusively by Seventh-day Adventist educators.
6. Have been aligned with the goals of Journey to Excellence
7. Have been developed using national and state standards, Adventist curriculum guides, and standards compendiums from McRel and Ten Sigma.

RATIONALE

Secondary Social Studies Standards for Seventh-day Adventist Schools seeks to ensure that the beliefs and values of our Adventist Christian faith are integrated into the curriculum. Mathematics instruction from this curriculum should help students learn to see and reflect God's image while developing proficiency in different areas of social studies—gathering information, connecting events, developing historical literacy, appreciating diverse cultures, and understanding the impact of human history. This kind of education imparts more than academic knowledge. It fosters the balanced development of the whole person to prepare them for earthly service and heavenly citizenship.

These carefully developed mathematics standards are a practical tool to assist teachers in focusing their instruction so that students achieve competence and are engaged successfully in understanding, exploring, analyzing, and applying the lessons learned in social studies to various life situations. These standards reflect multiple perspectives from diverse civic and social communities. They provide meaningful, enjoyable connections within social studies content areas, as well as connections with other fields of learning. The intent is to focus on the essence of what students should learn, retain and apply to their lives.

CREDITS

The following resources were referenced in developing *Secondary Social Studies Standards for Seventh-day Adventist Schools*: a sampling of state standards such as California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), NAD Curriculum Guide for Social Studies, McREL Compendium of Standards, Ten Sigma Standards, and Journey to Excellence.

STANDARDS CODING

The standards and essential learnings have been coded so that educators can easily refer to them in their curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development activities. The coding system begins with the course abbreviation in letters as follows: ECN—Economics, GEO—World Geography, USG—United States Government, USH—United States History, WHS—World History. The first numeral (USH.3.2) refers to the standard and the second numeral (USH.3.2) refers to the subcategory under the standard.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

When the standards on the next page have been met the instruction in this course will have also met some of the Goals and Essential Core Elements for the curriculum in Seventh-day Adventist schools listed in *Journey to Excellence*. The number (1.A) refers to the Goal and the letter (1.A) refers to the Essential Core Element that is met.

GEOGRAPHY

1.A, E, F; 2.C, F; 3.A, B, E; 4.A, B, C, D, E; 5.A, F; 6.A, B, C, D, E, F; 7.A, B, C, D, E; 8.C, E, F; 9.A, B, C, D; 10.A, C, F

WORLD HISTORY

1.A, B, E, F; 2.E, F; 3.A, B; 4.A, B, C, D, E; 6.A, B, C, D, E, F; 7.A, B, C, D, E; 8.A, C, E, F; 9.A, B, C, D; 10.B, C, F

U.S. HISTORY

1.A, B, E, F; 2.E, F; 3.B, E; 4.A, B, C, D, E; 6.A, B, C, D, E, F; 7.A, B, C, D, E; 8.A, C, E, F; 9.A, B, C, D; 10.B, C, F

U.S. GOVERNMENT

1.A, B, E; 2.F; 3.B; 4.A, B, C, D, E; 6.A, B, C, D, E, F; 7.A, B, C, D, E; 8.A, C, E, F; 9.A, C; 10.C, D, E, F

ECONOMICS

1.A, B, E; 2.A, F; 3.A, B, C; 4.A, B, C, D; 5.C, E; 6.A, B, C, D, E, F; 7.A, B, C, D, E; 8.A, B, C, D, E, F, G; 9.C, D; 10.A, B, C, D, E, F

Social Studies Standards—Economics

COURSE FOCUS [Apply the following for each content standard.]

- ECN.1 Identify SDA Christian principles and values in correlation with social studies.
 - ECN.1.1 Recognize God’s purpose in the dynamics of human history.
 - ECN.1.2 Explore God’s role in the political, social, economic, and spiritual areas of societies.
 - ECN.1.3 Apply Biblical principles of Christian morality, integrity, and ethical behavior to all aspects of life.
 - ECN.1.4 Equip students with a Christian approach toward social issues.

COURSE ABILITIES [Apply the following to each content standard.]

- ECN.2 Develop abilities in social studies.
 - ECN.2.1 Develop critical and creative thinking skills (research, analysis, evaluation, correlation).
 - ECN.2.2 Utilize the principles and methodologies of cooperative learning (benefiting from others’ experiences).
 - ECN.2.3 Develop effective communication skills (speaking, writing, listening, debating, using technology, etc.).
- ECN.3 Be able to apply social studies knowledge and skills.
 - ECN.3.1 Read, research, analyze, write, and present using primary, secondary, and technological sources.
 - ECN.3.2 Identify key concepts and themes.
 - ECN.3.3 Demonstrate an appreciation of life through diverse perspectives.
 - ECN.3.4 Correlate relevant concepts from past to present.

COURSE CONTENT: Key Elements and Concepts, Personal Application, Literacy, Impact of Themes [Understand, explore, analyze, apply]

- ECN.4 Be able to understand common terms, concepts, and economic reasoning.
 - ECN.4.1 Identify key terms (scarcity, stewardship, inflation, recession, etc.).
 - ECN.4.2 Demonstrate understanding of basic concepts (supply and demand, free enterprise system, business cycle, etc.).
 - ECN.4.3 Examine how government organizations monitor and regulate the economy through fiscal policy.
 - ECN.4.4 Compare and contrast the different economic systems.
 - ECN.4.5 Recognize the origins and influence of ideas (social, religious, philosophical, political, etc.).
- ECN.5 Be able to recognize the rights and responsibilities of individuals and businesses.
 - ECN.5.1 Evaluate the costs and benefits of using credit.
 - ECN.5.2 Apply rational decision making to personal spending and saving choices.
 - ECN.5.3 Understand the significance of tithing and biblical stewardship.
 - ECN.5.4 Analyze the role of businesses and their impact on the economy.
 - ECN.5.5 Assess the career options in today’s economy and the skills necessary for employment.
- ECN.6 Be able to utilize various literacy skills for interpreting economic data.
 - ECN.6.1 Exhibit appropriate skills for interpreting tables, charts, graphs, etc.
 - ECN.6.2 Select, validate, and effectively use a variety of sources to formulate a position or course of action on an issue.
 - ECN.6.3 Identify opinion and bias in written, oral, or visual material.
 - ECN.6.4 Communicate information logically using basic language arts skills.
- ECN.7 Be able to analyze economic themes and their impact on society.
 - ECN.7.1 Trace the influence of historic events and scientific/technological innovations on economics (depression, terrorism, internet, etc.).
 - ECN.7.2 Evaluate changing issues in the labor market (EEOC, OSHA, labor unions, unequal pay, etc.).
 - ECN.7.3 Assess the interdependence of global economic systems (embargo, international trade, foreign exchange, etc.).
 - ECN.7.4 Examine the influence of the U.S. in its role as a world economic power.
 - ECN.7.5 Relate key influences and themes to past, present, and possible future events.

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