

Social Studies

Advanced World Studies 6 (full year)

This course will be available to Grade 6 students beginning in the 2010–2011 school year. This course provides enriched opportunities for learning about ancient world history. Building on the current four units of Grade 6 world studies, students deepen their understanding of the rich cultures and history from the earliest human settlements to great civilizations of the year 1000 CE. Students are challenged to analyze archaeological evidence, ask questions to further their knowledge, and understand history as on-going investigation.

Advanced World Studies 7 (full year)

This course will be available to Grade 7 students beginning in the 2008–2009 school year. This course extends the content and concepts contained in the four units of Grade 7 World Studies. Through the study of world civilizations and global interactions from 1000 CE to 1450 CE, students learn about political, economic, and social systems today. Analysis of primary source texts and visuals is a central method for learning about the past and the challenges of historical interpretation.

Advanced US History Grade 8 (full year)

This course will be available to Grade 8 students beginning in the 2009–2010 school year. This course enhances the four MCPS Grade 8 U.S. History units through the development of skills from high school Advanced Placement courses in history. In addition to the MCPS course of study, students deepen their understanding of key concepts and events through reading, writing, document analysis, and historical thinking. These skills will be applied in each unit and students will be expected to show progress in skill development and historical knowledge in exams and historical document-based projects.