

## Michigan Social Studies Standards

The Michigan Department of Education has conducted a review and update of Michigan's Content Standards for Social Studies. The purpose of this review was to update the Grade Level Content Expectations that were adopted in 2006. *The College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework for State Standards* was used as a lens to review, confirm, or revise the current Michigan Standards so that they are fewer, clearer, and incorporate more critical thinking and inquiry. These revised standards are in draft form and available for public review at [www.michigan.gov/socialstudies](http://www.michigan.gov/socialstudies).

Much of the content of the new standards will remain the same. We have based our LSD Draft Pacing Guides on the 2006 standards and once the new standards are officially adopted we will adjust the LSD Pacing Guides accordingly.

We want to make you aware of a few significant changes to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and World History and Geography.

Action	Previous	New
<b>Sixth Grade</b>		
Focus	Western Hemisphere Studies	World Geography
Eliminated		History HI, WHG Era 1, 2, 3
<b>Seventh Grade</b>		
Focus	Eastern Hemisphere Studies	World History and Geography
Eliminated		G2, G3, G4, G5
Added		WHG Era 4
<b>Eighth Grade</b>		
Focus	Integrated US History	Integrated US History
Eliminated		US HG Era 6
<b>World History and Geography</b>		
Eliminated		WHG Era 4

### Assessment Timeline for the New Social Studies Standards

2015-16 Develop revised assessment plan to integrate new standards

2016-17 Begin item pilots in state assessments

2017-19 Depending on the assessment landscape, implement new assessments

We ask that you use the Pacing Guides, and invite you to give feedback through steering committees, focus groups, and a web review. Our teams will reconvene to revise the Guides that will be completed by June 2016.