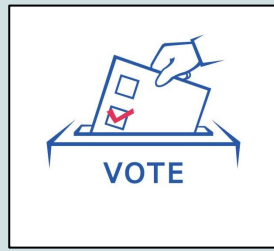




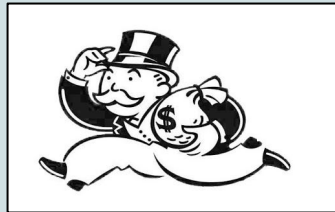
We the People

**Massachusetts  
Social Studies  
Standards  
February 13,  
2020**

# Highlights include...



- increased emphasis on civics at all levels
- new 8th grade course - **Civics**
- increased focus on the diversity of people in the United States and world cultures
- standards for the practice of history
- inclusion of literacy standards
- new standards for financial and news/media literacy



# Pre K-5 Standards by grade

**Pre K** - Building a Foundation for Living, Learning, and Working Together

**Kindergarten** - Many Roles in Living Learning and Working Together

**1st grade** - Leadership, Cooperation, Unity and Diversity

**2nd grade** - Global Geography: Places and Peoples, Cultures and Resources

# Pre K-5 Standards by grade

**3rd grade** - Massachusetts, Home to Many Different People

**4th grade** - North American Geography, History, and Peoples

**5th grade** - United States History to the Civil War and the Modern Civil Rights Movement

# Pre K-5: focus on 4 fields of social studies - civics, geography, history and \*economics

## \*Examples:

- **1st grade** “ *how people make choices about purchasing goods and services and saving resources*”
- **2nd grade** “ *how people earn a living, exchange goods and services, and save for the future*”

## Noteworthy:

- focus on unity, diversity and respect for differences
- Early Medfield *peoples*
- American Revolution - increased focus on founding documents and rights and responsibilities of citizenship

# Middle School Courses

## Grade 6: World Civilizations and Cultures I



- A study of complex societies of the past and present in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, South and Central America and the Caribbean
- Emphasis on geography and the environment

## Grade 7: World Civilizations and Cultures II

- A study of the religions, economies, philosophies, governments etc. of Southeast Asia and Oceania
- Ancient Greece and Rome
- Europe from 1200-1800 CE

# Grade 8 - United States and Massachusetts Government and Civic Life

7 topics including:

- **Rights and Responsibilities of citizens** - *“What is the role of the individual in maintaining a healthy democracy?”*



- **The Constitution, Amendments and the Supreme Court** - *“How has the content and interpretation of the Constitution evolved over time?”*

# Grade 8 - United States and Massachusetts Government and Civic Life

- **Freedom of the Press and News/Media Literacy** - *“How does a free press support a democratic government?”*



- **Civics Action Project** - *Chapter 296 of the Acts of 2018, an act to promote and enhance civic engagement.*
  - Student led, non partisan projects to learn the *process* of making change



## Grades 9-12

4 courses - World History I,  
World History II, US  
History I, US History II

However, state only  
requires 3 years.

Over 75 % of MHS students  
take 3+ years in the form of  
electives.

### **Our solution:**

9th grade - World History

10th grade - US History I

11th grade - US History II

### **New standards for:**

Economics

Personal Financial Literacy

News and Media Literacy

# MHS Social Studies Electives

AP Psychology

AP Macroeconomics

AP US Government and Politics

AP European History

AP US History (in place of US History II)

General Psychology

Modern World Conflicts

Practical Law

Human Studies

Sociology

21st Century Citizenship

America in Space

Roots of Terrorism

History of American Sports

Financial Literacy

News and Media Literacy