

Monroe Township School District Civic Education Update

Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting
December 19, 2018

The attached update is formulated with the goal of sharing with readers an update on specific district programming and learning opportunities that frame our K-12 Social Studies and Civic Education curriculum.

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WELCOME TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Social Studies, as defined by the *National Council for the Social Studies*, is “the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence.” The primary purpose of the Monroe Township School District Social Studies program is to provide an academically rigorous environment that produces active critical thinkers and productive, civically competent, participants in our society.

Our K-12 students study community, history, citizenship, political science, geography, economics, anthropology, sociology, and the humanities as prescribed by the New Jersey State Student Learning Standards for Social Studies (NJSLS:SS). Students are given the opportunity to develop their own sense of place in our community, state, nation and global village. Students pursue a wide variety of learning goals as we support the development of their understanding of self, the diverse community of which they are a part, and their connections to America’s rich history, both past and present. The ideals of a *good character, common good, respect, integrity, civility and service-learning* are experienced by our K-12 students through scholarship, artisanship, leadership and citizenship.