

# HIGH SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS SOCIAL STUDIES

## Syllabus for 2023-2024

### Course Description:

This course is designed for high school life skills students. It is a practical study of government/civics, history, geography, community skills, current world issues and economics. We will study and learn how to become responsible citizens and work with others in a culturally diverse, democratic society. We will practice our social studies skills in a variety of ways: Individual work, Small Group Learning, and Project Based Learning. The students will focus on visual and hands on learning as much as possible. These topics will be supportive of lifelong learning.

### Goals:

The students will learn about a wide-range of topics such as:

- \*Living with Rules & Laws (Why they are important and how they impact our lives.)
- \*Basic Government Vocabulary
- \*Fighting for Freedom (Declaration of Independence & American Revolution)
- \*Changes All Around Us (Pos. & Neg. changes people make to the environment.)
- \*Community Skills (shopping, restaurants & leisure activities)
- \*Social Etiquette
- \*Needs and Wants
- \*Global Connections (How every student can make local & global changes.)

### Contact Info:

Here are all the ways you can contact me (Gaylynne Coates):

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VP: 360-553-4622

Divine #300 & 301, 3rd per.

Extra Assistance:

If a student would like more information or extra assistance, he/she can set up a time to meet me. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Communication is important. I am here to help.

### Classroom Expectations, Curriculum, Materials, & Grading:

#### Expectations:

- Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Property.
- Be on time.
- Be prepared for class.
- Attend to presenter & Support everyone's learning.
- Electronic devices are not permitted during class time.
- Best effort & Great attitude.

**Curriculum Materials:** News 2 You, Oxford Picture Dictionary, We the People, Harcourt SS, States, Regions & Communities, World Geography and You, ASL Media, Quizlet, Learning A-Z, and Other Online Sources and Teacher Materials.

**Materials Needed:** Pencils/Pens, Paper, Composition Notebook, Folder, and WSD Chromebook.

#### Grades are based on:

- In-class assignments and activities,
- Class participation
- Homework assignments,
- Projects, &
- Quizzes/Tests

#### Absences & Tardies:

Students can make up missed assignments within a reasonable time frame. It is the student's responsibility to ask me.

We will follow the school's tardy, attendance, and grading policies.