

# Social Studies Concepts in the MN Social Studies Standards

## Kindergarten

Civic Values (*fairness, individual dignity, self-control, justice, responsibility, courage, honesty, common good, respect, friendship*)

Symbols

Community

Rules (at school)

Needs and Wants

Goods and Services

Space – Spatial information, e.g. city, road

Place – Physical and Human characteristics

Time – Past, present, future

Culture – Family

Traditions

## First Grade

Citizen

Patriotism

Government – President and election

Rules

Choices (family)

Costs and benefits

Scarcity

Trade

Space – Location

Place – Physical and Human characteristics

Time

Community

Culture – Family and Technology

## Second Grade

Fairness (related to voting)

Constitution

Rules, Rights & Responsibilities

Choice – goal

Trade-offs and Opportunity cost

Resources (natural, capital, human)

Exchange – money

Space – Spatial information/directions

Place – landmarks and physical features

Environment – human interaction

Time

Change

Culture – MN Dakota and Anishinaabe

Community

## Third Grade

Civic problem or need

Majority rule and Minority rights

Government – Services and Branches

Choice – costs and benefits

Money – Income and expenditures

Resources (for production)

Consumers and Producers

Space – Location and directions

Population – Patterns

Boundaries

Time – decade, century, millennium

Culture – time and space

Invention – change & unintended outcome

Environment & settlement, communication, and culture in ancient times

## Fourth Grade

Government – Tribal government

Leaders – roles and responsibilities

Choice (reasoned decision-making)

Productivity of resources

Market – exchange and money

Space – Location, latitude and longitude

Place – characteristics (US, Canada/Mexico)

Population distribution

Environment – Human adaptation

Region (e.g. agricultural)

Culture – Origins of peoples

## Fifth Grade

Public problem

Individual protections (*Bill of Rights*)

Government – Branches & Power

(federalism, separation of powers, checks and balances)

Taxes and fees and services

Laws - limit power, protect rights and promote the general welfare

Income and Profit

Space and Place in the N. Am. colonies

Geographic factors and land use

Time – Era

Exploration, settlement and colonies

Slavery and Atlantic slave trade

Conflict and Revolution

Democracy