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, millenium
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

NOTE: There are some concepts in the standards not on this list. CSSE, 2016