

**3501.1305 GRADE 1 STANDARDS.****Subpart 1. Citizenship and government.**

A. Civic skills. The student will understand that democratic government depends on informed and engaged citizens who exhibit civic skills and values, practice civic discourse, vote and participate in elections, apply inquiry and analysis skills, and take action to solve problems and shape public policy.

B. Civic values and principles of democracy. The student will understand that the civic identity of the United States is shaped by historical figures, places, and events; and by key foundational documents and other symbolically important artifacts.

C. Governmental institutions and political processes. The student will understand that the United States government has specific functions that are determined by the way that power is delegated and controlled among various bodies: the three levels, federal, state, and local, and the three branches of government, legislative, executive, and judicial. The student will understand that the primary purposes of rules and laws within the United States constitutional government are to protect individual rights, promote the general welfare, and provide order.

**Subp. 2. Economics.**

A. Economic reasoning skills. The student will understand that people make informed economic choices by identifying their goals, interpreting and applying data, considering the short-run and long-run costs and benefits of alternative choices, and revising their goals based on their analysis.

B. Fundamental concepts. The student will understand that because of scarcity, individuals, organizations, and governments must evaluate trade-offs, make choices, and incur opportunity costs.

**Subp. 3. Geography.**

A. Geospatial skills. The student will understand that individuals, businesses, and governments interact and exchange goods, services, and resources in different ways and for different reasons; interactions between buyers and sellers in a market determines the price and quantity exchanged of a good, service, or resource. The student will understand that people use geographic representations and geospatial technologies to acquire, process, and report information within a spatial context.

B. Places and regions. The student will understand that places have physical characteristics, such as climate, topography, and vegetation; and human characteristics, such as culture, population, and political and economic systems.

Subp. 4. **History.**

A. Historical thinking skills. The student will understand that historians generally construct chronological narratives to characterize eras and explain past events and change over time. The student will understand that historical inquiry is a process in which multiple sources and different kinds of historical evidence are analyzed to draw conclusions about how and why things happened in the past.

B. Peoples, cultures, and change over time. The student will understand that the differences and similarities of cultures around the world are attributable to their diverse origins and histories and interactions with other cultures throughout time.

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