

Course Name	6th Grade Social Studies	Course Code	4500700
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Course Description

This course is designed to teach the geography, history, economics and governments of Europe, the Americas and Australia.

Curriculum Overview

The following academic concepts will be covered. **THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW	
Unit 1–	Connecting Themes and Geography of Europe
Unit 2 –	Development of Europe
Unit 3 –	Political developments in Europe
Unit 4 –	Economic Systems in Europe
Unit 5–	Development of Canada
Unit 6 –	Geography of the Caribbean and Latin America
Unit 7 –	Geography of the Caribbean and Latin America
Unit 8 –	Political Developments in the Caribbean and Latin America
Unit 9–	Economics Systems in the Caribbean and Latin America
Unit 10–	Development of Australia
Unit 11 –	Personal Finance

BOARD-APPROVED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Title	My Worlds Study 6th Grade
ISBN	978-0-13-372669-5
Online book and/or resources	www.myworldgeography.com

GRADING SYSTEM: The DeKalb County School District believes that the most important assessment of student learning shall be conducted by the teachers as they observe and evaluate students in the context of ongoing classroom instruction. A variety of approaches, methodologies, and resources shall be used to deliver educational services and to maximize each student’s opportunity to succeed. Teachers shall evaluate student progress, report grades that represent the student’s academic achievement, and communicate official academic progress to students and parents in a timely manner through the electronic grading portal. **See Board Policy IHA.**

GRADING CATEGORIES	*GRADE PROTOCOL		
Formative Assessment - 0%	A	90 – 100	~ P (pass)
Assessment During Learning – 25%	B	80 – 89	~ F (fail)
Guided, Independent, or Group Practice – 45%	C	71 – 79	
Summative Assessment or Assessment of Learning– 30%	D	70	
	F	Below 70	

Notes:

*English Learners (ELs) must not receive numerical or letter grades for the core content areas in elementary and middle school during their first year of language development. A grade of CS or CU must be assigned. This rule may be extended beyond the first year with approval from the EL Studies Program. English Learners must receive a grade for ESOL courses.

DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
STUDENT PROGRESS	Semester progress reports shall be issued four and a half, nine and thirteen and a half weeks into each semester. The progress of students shall be evaluated frequently and plans shall be generated to remediate deficiencies as they are discovered. Plans shall include appropriate interventions designed to meet the needs of the students. See Board Policy IH.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY	Students will not engage in an act of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, providing false information, falsifying school records, forging signatures, or using an unauthorized computer user ID or password. See the Code of Student Conduct - Student Rights and Responsibilities and Character Development Handbook.
HOMEWORK	Homework assignments should be meaningful and should be an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. Homework is at all times an extension of the teaching/learning experience. It should be considered the possession of the student and should be collected, evaluated and returned to the students. See Board Policy IHB.
MAKE-UP WORK DUE TO ABSENCES	When a student is absent because of a legal reason as defined by Georgia law or when the absence is apparently beyond the control of the student, the student shall be given an opportunity to earn grade(s) for those days absent. Make-up work must be completed within the designated time allotted. See Board Policy IHEA.
SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS	Students must adhere to the DCSS Student Code of Conduct, as well as specific class rules.
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Three Ring Binder ✓ Dividers ✓ Notebook Paper ✓ Pens or Pencils
EXTRA HELP	Please contact me for extra help and I will provide extra credit or morning tutorial as needed.
PARENTS PARTNERS	AS Homework is expected to be completed as assigned. It will be assigned on Mondays and Thursdays for this class. Because there is advance warning for all homework assignments, I hold all students accountable for completing them.