

**Social Studies Curriculum Checklist
Diocese of Little Rock**

Kindergarten

History

- _____ Becomes aware of the time system and calendar in proper sequence, i.e., days of the week, months, special events, seasons, and holidays.
- _____ Recognizes sources of history, (i.e. books, pictures, museums, and local landmarks).
- _____ Recognizes that families, neighborhoods, and cities have personal histories.
- _____ Recognizes that customs, traditions, ideals, values, and beliefs of the past are still present today.
- _____ I.D. people who influence the local community and U.S. history, and how we honor them.
- _____ Describes and notes the importance of knowing and respecting customs, values, and traditions of different cultural groups in the US.

Political Science

- _____ Recognize the need for rules and regulations especially when people live in groups.
- _____ Recognizes important U.S. symbols and ways to honor them (i.e. flag, eagle, and patriotic songs).
- _____ Develops awareness of duties of citizenship to school, community, and country.
- _____ Recognizes local units of government which supply services to people (i.e. police, libraries, and Post Office).

Geography

- _____ Orients self to the environment.
- _____ Recognizes that special terms are used to describe location, distance, size, etc.
- _____ Recognizes and uses graphs, tables, charts, etc.
- _____ Recognizes land masses, water masses, and landforms on a map or globe.

Culture

- _____ Recognizes the family unit as the foundation of society.
- _____ Recognizes that ethnic groups have their own traditions that are celebrated.

Economics

- _____ Determines the differences between work and play.
- _____ Develops an awareness of the various types of careers, of requirements for and characteristics of given career choices.
- _____ Develops the understanding that people depend upon each other for their needs.

Arkansas Studies

- _____ Recognizes important symbols of Arkansas (i.e. origin of the name, flag, seal, motto, bird, flower).
- _____ Explains why government is necessary for the people of Arkansas to live peacefully together under a system of law.

Peace and Justice

- _____ Recognizes that nature and life are gifts from God.
- _____ Recognizes environmental problems and that actions taken for a better environment are part of one's mission.
- _____ I.D. belonging to a family of people; all have a duty to help others as part of the human family.
- _____ Recognizes the value of the neighborhood, rural life and the social responsibility to care for them.