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History-Social Science Programs Update

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History-Social Science

History-Social Science Framework

- A new History-Social Science Framework was adopted on July 14, 2016
- The new History Social Science Framework emphasizes the development of student content knowledge, discipline-specific inquiry, student literacy, and citizenship.
- It recognizes the importance of both content and skill development.
 - Students need to learn content.
 - Students also need to learn how to think, read, write, and argue in English.
- The new Framework integrates the Common Core Literacy standards in History- Social Studies, the English Language Development standards, and includes an explicit emphasis on the use of inquiry instruction from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

History-Social Science Framework

- The Framework is still based on the History-Social Science content standards adopted in 1998, but adds or expands on content including:
 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) citizens
 - Filipino-American contributions in World War II
 - The Armenian Genocide
 - The latest historiography and disciplinary research as well as events that occurred since the last time the Framework was adopted (2005), such as the election of Barack Obama in 2008.
- The state of California approved a list of instructional materials for possible adoption by Districts in November 2017



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Current Programming

Elementary Programming

- Curriculum: Scott Foresman History-Social Science for California - adopted May 2006
 - Themes
 - Kindergarten: Learn and Work
 - First Grade: Time and Place
 - Second Grade: Then and Now
 - Third Grade: Our Communities
 - Fourth Grade: Our California
 - Fifth Grade: Our Nation
- Transitional Kindergarten was not implemented in 2006. Teachers support students to learn about themselves, their families, and their local communities with supplemental materials
- Elementary schools teach History-Social Science a minimum of two periods per week

Middle School Programming

- **Curriculum:**
 - Holt California Social Studies (primary)
 - Teachers Curriculum Institute - History Alive (supplemental)
 - Adopted June 2006
- **Topics:**
 - 6th Grade: World History, Ancient Civilizations
 - 7th Grade: World History, Medieval to Early Modern Times
 - 8th Grade: United States through Independence through 1914
- History-Social Science is a core content class taught the same amount of time as other core classes such as English Language Arts and Science
- Students in 8th grade previously took a California Standards Test (CST) in Social Studies - discontinued in 2013



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Things to Consider

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- There are no plans to add a History-Social Science test in the near future in California
- Our materials are out of date and new adoptions need to be completed
- There is a list of state-approved materials and some are controversial in content
- Professional Development is needed for teachers on the new framework and any newly adopted curriculum
 - The District has 6 dedicated days for professional development each year
 - The District is in year 1 of a 3-year implementation of the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol

Things to Consider

- Providing professional development and new curriculum is relatively easier for middle school teachers
- Teachers are specialized and focus on one or two subject areas (History-Social Science and English Language Development)
- Elementary teachers must be experts in English Language Arts, Math, Science, History-Social Science, English Language Development...

Things to Consider

- Middle school teachers have begun professional development on the new Framework
 - Teachers were provided an overview in January 2017 by trainer from the Santa Clara County Office of Education
 - Optional summer professional development for Social Studies teachers held in July 2017
 - All teachers attended a one-day training in September on the new framework
 - The District increased our Literacy coach FTE by 0.5 to help support the History-Social Science teachers with the new Framework

Things to Consider

- Next Generation Science Standards, framework and curriculum (2019) are coming right on the heels of History-Social Science along with a new Health Framework (2019) and Computer Science standards (2019)
- Teachers have been learning new standards in mathematics, English Language Arts, Literacy, and English Language Development since 2014
- In 2020, it starts all over again with an updated mathematics framework and curriculum for possible adoption



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Next Steps

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- Develop a timeline for professional development and curriculum adoptions for History-Social Science and Next Generation Science Standards
- Follow the state guidelines for adopting instructional materials
- Be Creative - How can we most effectively provide professional development to middle school and elementary teachers
- Communicate with stakeholders on our next steps and progress