



Indiana Department of Education

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To: Superintendents, Principals, School Leaders

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Subject: Middle School Civics Standards and Impacted Middle School Social Studies Standards

In accordance with Indiana Code 20-19-2-14.7, IDOE convened an educator committee in October 2021 to define Indiana Academic Standards to comprise the middle school civics course. The Indiana State Board of Education approved the committee's recommendations based on their review of current government standards in grades three through eight:

- The middle school civics course should be required for all grade six students during the second semester. All other grade six social studies standards should be taught to grade six students during the first semester;
- The standards identified for the civics course should also remain at their respective grade levels strengthen and scaffold civics education at each grade level; and
- Eight current grade six geography standards should be assigned to grades seven (three standards) and eight (five standards), where applicable, to ease instructional load. No existing standards should be removed from grades seven and eight.
- The standards for 6th Grade Civics and the changes in 6th, 7th and 8th grade standards will be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year.
 - [Approved Grade 6 Civics Standards](#).
 - [Approved Grade 6 Social Studies Standards](#).
 - [Approved Grade 7 Social Studies Standards](#) (includes three Geography standards from Grade 6).
 - [Approved Grade 8 Social Studies Standards](#) (includes five Geography standards from Grade 6).