Plymouth Public Schools  
Social Studies Curriculum  
Overarching Understandings

K – Learning to be a citizen

1 – Learning about our country through symbols, songs and stories

2 – Learning about Places in the World & Our Country’s Rich Mosaic

3 – Massachusetts and the town of Plymouth played important roles in the founding of our country.

4 – There is great diversity in the physical, cultural and economic regions of North America.

5 – Power, conflict, change and compromise all played important roles in the establishment of our nation.

6 – Early civilizations shared common traits.

7 – Geography affects the economy and culture of places on Earth.

8 – Citizens have rights and responsibilities living in a democracy.

9 – Political, social, economic, religious and intellectual changes have shaped world history.

10 – Establishing and preserving our democracy

11 – Conflict and change have shaped our nation.

12 – Preparing for citizenship

Social Studies Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Social Studies Department is to create an environment which fosters an in-depth understanding of history, geography, economics and the social sciences, by preparing students to become informed, self-governing citizens, while encouraging a respect for diversity, and promoting the development of social studies skills through meaningful standards-based instruction and assessment.