



**Responsible:** Office of Academics

## **PURPOSE**

This administrative procedure shall provide which courses count toward the completion of the requirements of Government and World History.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. In accordance with Nevada state law, the core academic subjects that must be taught in social studies include three units of credit in: American government, American history, and World history or geography. (NRS 389.018)
2. World History
  - a. Most students will take World History in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade; however, schools are given the option of offering World History in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. In the case of a student who attends a school which offers World History in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and then transfers to a school which does not offer World History in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the student will be allowed to transfer into the World History course in order to complete the semester.
  - b. WCSD accepts World Geography as a World History credit. If a student has completed a World Geography course, it should be accepted as a World History credit. At the discretion of the school, the student may be required to enroll in second semester World History the following year (10<sup>th</sup> grade).
  - c. If a student takes an accepted alternative in addition to World History, both can be counted for credit; one should count towards the World History requirement and the other should be counted as an Arts/Humanities or elective course.

- d. The following courses count as World History credit and will replace a failed grade:

Course ID	Long Course Title	Honors	Subject Code
4101/4102	World History 1-2		SS
4103/4104	World History 1-2 Honors	H	SS
4105/4106	World History 1-2 (BP)	H	SS
4109/4110	Interdisciplinary World History 1-2		SS
4111/4112	AP World History	A	SS
4113/4114	World Cultures 1-2	H	SS
4123/4124	World Studies		SS
4125/4126	AP European History	A	SS

- e. While World Geography courses count towards the World History requirement, the following courses do not replace the courses listed above in item 2(d).

Course ID	Long Course Title	Honors	Subject Code
4115/4116	World Geography/Around Globe		SS
4117/4118	World Geography 1-2		SS
4119/4120	World Geography 1-2 Honors	H	SS
4123/4124	World Studies		SS
4125/4126	AP European History	A	SS
4181/4182	AP Human Geography	A	SS

### 3. Government

- a. For students in the District, Government is taken in the senior year. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
- b. Effective with school year 2009-2010, a course called "Civics," or "Government" will be accepted for government credit regardless of the grade level in which it was taken at an out-of-district school. Schools should request a course description for "Civics" to determine if the course meets the standards for American Government credit or if it would be considered an elective. If a student has enrolled in an "Economics" course, it should **not** be counted as an American Government credit.
- c. A 2-3 week unit in financial literacy will be included in the Washoe County

School District Government curriculum starting with the 2010-2011 school year.

### **DESIRED OUTCOMES**

1. This Administrative Procedure is designed to provide clarity and consistency as to which courses count toward meeting the graduation requirements for World History and Government.

### **IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

1. This Administrative Procedure reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan.
2. This Administrative Procedure aligns with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 389, Examinations, Courses, Standards and Graduation.

### **REVIEW AND REPORTING**

1. This procedure and any accompanying documents will be reviewed annually.

### **REVISION HISTORY**

Date	Revision	Modification
02/01/2012	1.0	Adopted as Accepted Practice
12/05/2013	2.0	Revised: converted to Administrative Procedure