General Course Information

Course Name: World Civilizations	
Department: Social Studies	Grade Level(s): 7
Duration/Credits: 1 year	Prerequisites: None
BOE Approval Date: Dec. 2021	Course Code: M1700

Course Description:

The World Civilizations curriculum will concentrate on the history of various civilizations. The study of these civilizations will be covered through the examination of the history, government, geography, economics, and social/cultural aspects of each area. Tools of inquiry (e.g. surveys, statistics, maps and documents), research skills and methods will be emphasized. Connections to the present world and relationships to current events will be discussed and explored.

Course Rationale:

The World Civilizations curriculum seeks to promote global awareness amidst a reality of cultural diversity, complex social and political systems and an ever-changing world perspective. An exploration of human history, an awareness of the causes and effects of historical events, and respect for human diversity is necessary for responsible citizenship. World Civilizations promotes an understanding of the basic elements of human society and provides exposure to our collective world conscience.

Course Objectives:

- The student will compare and contrast various cultures and civilizations throughout the world, exploring the themes of continuity.
- The student will identify and define the principles which shaped democracy.
- The student will identify and define the principles and processes of governance systems.
- The student will interpret and apply economic concepts and principles.
- The student will utilize geographic research tools to analyze geography and its relationship to changes in society and the environment.
- The student will describe and analyze the relationship of the individual and groups to cultural traditions and institutions.
- The student will utilize the tools of social science inquiry to select and investigate topics in world history.
- The student will read, evaluate, and analyze primary and secondary text resources.
- The student will develop artifacts about topics in world history and support them with research and text resources.