

The Idaho State Board of Education has mandated that all high school students earn five credits in social studies, including government (2 credits), U.S. history (2 credits), and economics (1 credit). Current world affairs and geography are to be integrated into all social studies instruction. Courses such as geography, sociology, world affairs and world history may be offered as electives, not to be counted as a social studies requirement.

It is the policy of this school district that social studies teachers will integrate the instruction and assessment of current world affairs and geography into the curriculum to the extent that such study enhances and complements, but does not detract from, the instruction of the primary subject matter. Teachers will identify how current world affairs and geography are integrated into the lesson plans.

**OPTION A:** Each year, the high schools in this district will offer at least one (1) social studies elective course, such as geography, sociology, world affairs or world history. The credits received for such electives will not apply to the social study requirement for graduation.

**OPTION B:** The high schools in this district will offer social studies elective courses at the discretion of the superintendent, upon assessing the overall curriculum of the school, the availability of instructors and textbooks, and the needs of the student population. The school district is under no obligation to provide social studies elective courses.

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