

K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Committee 2010-2011

Purpose(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly articulate the BSD core K-12 Social Studies Program • Focus for 2010-2011: MS SS Grades 6-8, HS US History • Create a three year plan for implementation, professional development, and resource adoptions
Basis for Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bellingham School District Strategic Plan
Decision Making:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultative to the Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology by committee members using the processes of consensus and input/feedback
Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey current status of K-12 Social Studies program • Establish core beliefs and goals of BSD K-12 Social Studies Program • Create grade level curriculum maps to provide district wide consistency, learning sequences and equity • Clearly articulate the BSD Core Social Studies program • Develop a professional development plan that supports teachers in implementing the BSD Social Studies program • Recommend common formative and summative assessments and timelines • Draft steps and a timeline to implement recommendations • Submit recommendations and plan to Superintendent for approval
Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee will consist of 17 members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 School Administrators • 2 SS teacher representatives from each MS school, plus 2 primary, 2 intermediate, 4 HS US History teachers • Facilitator: Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Responsibilities of Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meeting attendance • Communicate the content of the meetings and gather input from building staff as requested by the committee • Respectful and collaborative interactions with committee members
Communications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate the purpose of the committee to District • Committee members serve as key communicators for the groups they represent • Post meeting minutes and recommendations on district website • Use district communication process to inform stakeholders of committee outcomes
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet during the school year • Dates and times: 12/2/2010, 1/6/11, 2/3/11, 3/3/11, 4/14/11, 5/5/11: 8:30-11:30 am • Others scheduled as needed
Budget Implications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for staff to meet, including release time, printing, etc. • Adoption of instructional materials and supplemental resources