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English Language Arts & Social Studies
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EDUCATION SERVICES

ELA Elementary


- Advanced Differentiated Reading Groups
- Independent Reading Choice
- Writing Workshop Structure
- Inquiry projects



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ELA Middle School

- Second year of implementing our new reading and writing curriculum.
 - Rigorous text options
 - Higher level thinking skills, questions, and strategies
- Updated curriculum focuses on collaboration and problem solving.
- Novel lists allow teachers to differentiate reading projects based on lexile reading levels and text complexity.



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ELA High School

- Honors class available at 9th and 10th grade
- Advanced Placement available at 11th and 12th grade
 - All classes focus on skills development
- Teachers have access to an extensive list of texts (novels) for whole class as well as leveled instruction based on Lexile and text complexity.
- Within the gifted classroom students' ELA-specific skills are being augmented based on the student's IEP and personal goals. This typically includes additional skill development in tested areas on the ACT, SAT, PSAT, AP exams, etc.
- The inclusion of high-interest, rigorous learning projects is determined through a model of collaboration by the content/grade level team.
- High school has begun using Edmodo as a place for teachers to further collaborate and share effective instructional practices, assignments, etc. across high schools throughout the district.



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Social Studies K-12

All classes are based on 5 standards:

- Choices have consequences
- Individuals have rights and responsibilities
- Societies are shaped by beliefs, ideas, and diversity
- Societies experience continuity and change over time
- Relationships among people, places, ideas, and environments are dynamic



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Social Studies Content

- K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 12th —> Citizenship
- 4th, 7th, 9th —> Geography
- 7th —> Kansas History
- 6th, 10th —> World History
- 5th, 8th, 11th —> American History



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Social Studies Elementary

- K – 3rd Grade
 - Self, families, communities, citizenship
- 4th Grade
 - Geography – regions of the United States
- 5th Grade
 - Early American History



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Social Studies MS

- 6th Grade
 - Ancient World History
- 7th Grade
 - Geography for one semester
 - KS History for one semester
 - KS History focuses more on US History from a Kansas perspective
- 8th Grade
 - US History from Constitutional Age – International Expansion (1900s).



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Social Studies HS

- Variety of classes including AP Level
- Graduation Requirements
 - 1 year of World History
 - 1 year of American History
 - 1 semester of Government
 - 1 semester Social Studies Elective



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Social Studies K-12

Social studies is not the memorization of facts. It's engaging students in critical thinking and the evaluation of information, so they can go out in the world and be informed decision makers (not just voting), who are engaged in their local, state, national, and global communities.



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How do we share great projects?

- Building Professional Learning Communities
- More teacher collaboration across district
- Updated District Unit Guides



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Where do we find curriculum documents?

www.bluevalleyk12.org/curriculum



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