

**SOCIAL STUDIES VISION STATEMENT  
MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**The purpose of social studies in the Mead School District is to provide students with the skills and understandings they need to become educated, effective, and responsible citizens in a democratic society. As citizens of a culturally diverse and increasingly interdependent world, our students will develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions with regard to the needs of regional, national, and global communities.**

**We believe...**

- Without historical understanding, there can be no wisdom; without geographic understanding, no social or environmental intelligence; without economic understanding, no wise decision making about scarce resources; and without civic knowledge and skill, there can be no democracy.
- In developing information literacy skills that allow effective analysis and interpretation of resources, students will become responsible contributors to an interdependent global community.
- Through exposure to the multifaceted elements of diverse cultures, students will learn to appreciate the past, understand the present and influence the future.
- Through the examination of primary social forces (government/politics, religion, economics, art/architecture, science/technology, and environment) students will understand the big ideas that form history.
- Through the utilization of all available technologies, students will be engaged in a multitude of learning experiences.