

Humanities

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The Social Studies curriculum aspires toward the growth of our students as informed, concerned and participative citizens. At the heart of the Singapore Social Studies curriculum is the preparation of our students to be citizens of tomorrow by helping them to better understand the interconnectedness of Singapore and the world they live in, and appreciate the complexities of the human experience. Drawing on aspects of society that are of meaning and interest to the students, Social Studies seeks to ignite students' curiosity to inquire into real world issues that concern their lives. Through inquiry and authentic learning experiences, Social Studies helps students to attain relevant knowledge and understanding about these issues, develop critical and reflective thinking skills, and appreciate multiple perspectives. Social Studies seeks to inculcate in students a deeper understanding of the values that define Singapore society, nurture dispositions to inspire them to show concern for the society and the world in which they live and demonstrate empathy in their relationships with others. The curriculum therefore envisions Social Studies students as informed, concerned and participative citizens, competent in decision-making with an impassioned spirit to contribute responsibly to the society and world they live in.

Geography

INTRODUCTION Desired Outcomes of Education and the Study of Geography.

The Desired Outcomes of Education (DOE) are attributes that educators aspire to for our learners. These outcomes establish a common purpose for Geography teachers, and serve as a compass to steer the teaching and learning process. As a subject, Geography builds on students' experiences and prior knowledge to examine the physical and human phenomena found on Earth as well as their complex interactions and patterns across space. Geography emphasises the integrative study of physical and human environments to enable students to gain a better understanding of their own space and other parts of the world. It also focuses on the interconnectedness among groups of people, and between people and their environment. The Geography student can expect to acquire a wide range of knowledge and skills to understand and explain physical and human phenomena, and other contemporary environmental and social issues that occur in different places and cultures. Equipped with the skills of gathering and analysing information, and an enquiring mind to seek answers to issues affecting our lives and the world we live in, Geography students are prepared for their roles as informed citizens in the 21st century. Geography also imbues in students an awareness of appropriate attitudes and values that promotes a positive geographical future; one that ensures the sustainability of our resources, people, country, and planet. These attributes would place them in good stead to attain the DOE.