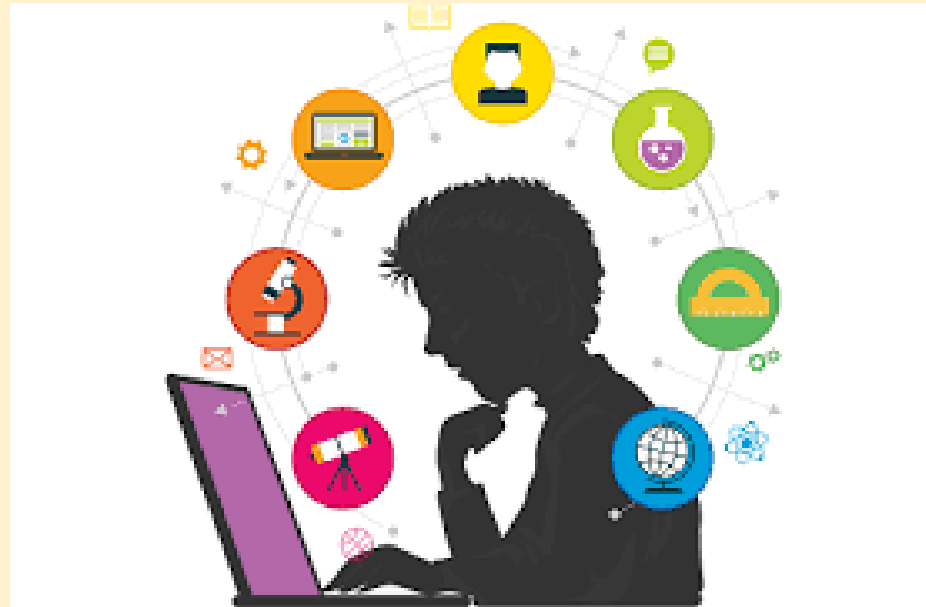


# Updated Curricula



*July 30, 2019 BOE Meeting*

# Core + More

- A new course being offered to all middle school students.
  - Replaces “Study Skills” but incorporates many of the same topics with others added
- The curriculum for this course came from a needs assessment to see what skills middle school teachers felt our students needed to develop more:
  - Organization
  - Time Management
  - Proper Email Etiquette
  - Nonfiction Reading Strategies
  - Study Habits
  - Managing Emotions
  - Goal Setting



## Unit 1: Organizational Strategies

- Organize materials in locker, assignment pad



## Unit 2: Time Management

- Using time efficiently
- Creating goals
- Prioritizing assignments



## Unit 3: Reading to Learn

- Main Idea
- Summaries
- Note Taking (consistency across subject areas--SS, SCI, LA)



## Unit 4: Study Skills

- Learning Styles
- Memorizing information & flashcards



# Unit 5: Financial Literacy

- Future Smart → Interactive Financial Lessons
- Every student will use a Chromebook
- Preview: <https://everfi.com/campaign/aw-futuresmart/>



## Unit 6: Social Emotional Learning (Co-Taught with School Counselor)

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by *Sean Covey*
- Help guide teens to improve their self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, & achieve their goals...

1. **Be Proactive**

*Take responsibility for your life*

2. **Begin with the End in Mind**

*Define your mission & goals in life*

3. **Put First Things First**

*Prioritize and do the most important thing first*

4. **Think Win-Win**

*Have an everyone-can-win attitude*

5. **See First To Understand, Then To Be Understood**

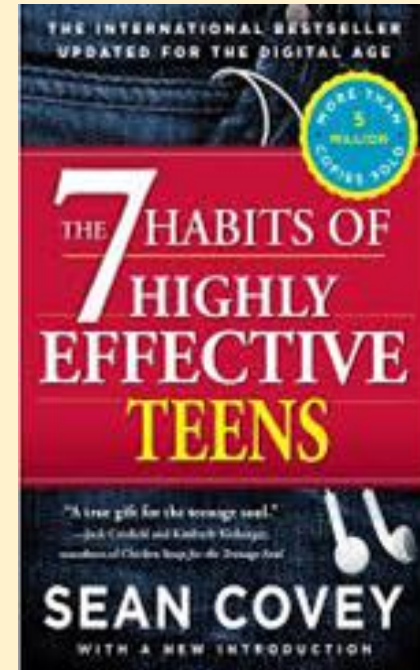
*Listen to people sincerely*

6. **Synergize**

*Work together to achieve more*

7. **Sharpen the Saw**

*Renew yourself regularly*



- **Unit 7: Career Exploration** (Co-Taught with School Counselor)

# Middle School Social Studies

- Written by the **Social Studies teachers**, who collaborated with the **language arts teachers**.
- Large emphasis on **current events** through news programs and articles.
- **Holocaust** Unit in each grade level.
- The **Amistad** mandate requires social studies curriculum to incorporate African-American history, to show and recognize the integral part African-Americans in this nation's history.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** will focus on **American History I**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** will focus on **American History II**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** will focus on **Ancient Civilization**



**Community Service Hours** → Expected to take part, as part of the regular school program

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 10 Hours of Community Service Per Year

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 15 Hours of Community Service Per Year

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 20 Hours of Community Service Per Year