

# *OXNARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT*

## **TEACHER - SOCIAL STUDIES**

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF POSITION:**

As part of a secondary teaching assignment, teaches one or more classes of social studies to pupils in grades 9 - 12, and assists in other school programs as assigned.

### **MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Teaches courses in social studies, history, geography, American government, political science, or humanities to secondary pupils, utilizing course of study adopted by the Board of Education and other appropriate learning activities.
2. Instructs pupils in citizenship, basic communications skills, and other general elements of the course of study common to all teachers, as specified in state law and administrative regulations and procedures of the school district.
3. Develops a balanced social studies program involving factual background material, material on current events, discussion time, and other appropriate activities designed to encourage pupils to develop skills and attitudes, draws conclusions, achieves improved interpersonal relationships, and makes value judgments based on scientific methods of inquiry.
4. Provides individual and small group instruction in order to adapt the curriculum to the needs of pupils with varying intellectual abilities, attitudes, and cultural backgrounds.
5. Develops knowledge of the purpose, structure, and operation of the American governmental and economic system, and the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.
6. Makes material from current magazines, newspapers, television programs, etc., available to pupils; plans and guides discussions of current social, political, and economic problems against background of social, political, and economic problems against background of geographical environment and history of area being studied.
7. Develops an understanding of the contributions of minority racial, religious, and political groups to American culture, and the role of minorities in our present day world.
8. Develops knowledge of political and economic systems of other nations and their influence on personal freedom, education, and living standards of the people in those nations.
9. Encourages pupils to become aware of the complexity and interrelations of local, state, national, and world problems.
10. Establishes and maintains standards of pupil behavior needed to provide an orderly, productive classroom environment.

**MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** (continued)

11. Creates, with assistance of pupils, interest centers and displays with material to enhance learning.
12. Evaluates each pupil's development in course being taught, and prepares progress reports.
13. Maintains professional competence through participation in inservice education activities provided by the district, and/or in self-selected professional growth activities.

**OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Selects and requisitions books, instructional aids, and instructional supplies and maintains required inventory records; may request resource supplies and maintains required inventory records; may request resource speakers and field trips.
2. Communicates with parents and school counselors to discuss the individual pupil's progress.
3. Identifies pupil needs, and cooperates with other professional staff members in assessing and helping pupils solve health, attitude, and learning problems.
4. Supervises pupils in out-of-classroom activities during the assigned work day.
5. Participates in curriculum and other developmental programs within the school of assignment and/or on a district level. May teach under modular or flexible scheduling plans.
6. Performs basic attendance accounting and business services as required.
7. Shares in the sponsorship of pupil activities such as student government or model United Nations, and participates in faculty committees.
8. May plan and coordinate the work of student aides and paraeducators.

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Must be able to bend, stoop, reach, lift and stand for prolonged periods; see to read fine print and for depth perception; use hands and fingers to perform tasks; speak clearly and hear well enough to communicate effectively.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED OR RECEIVED:**

Under the immediate direction of the site administrator.

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