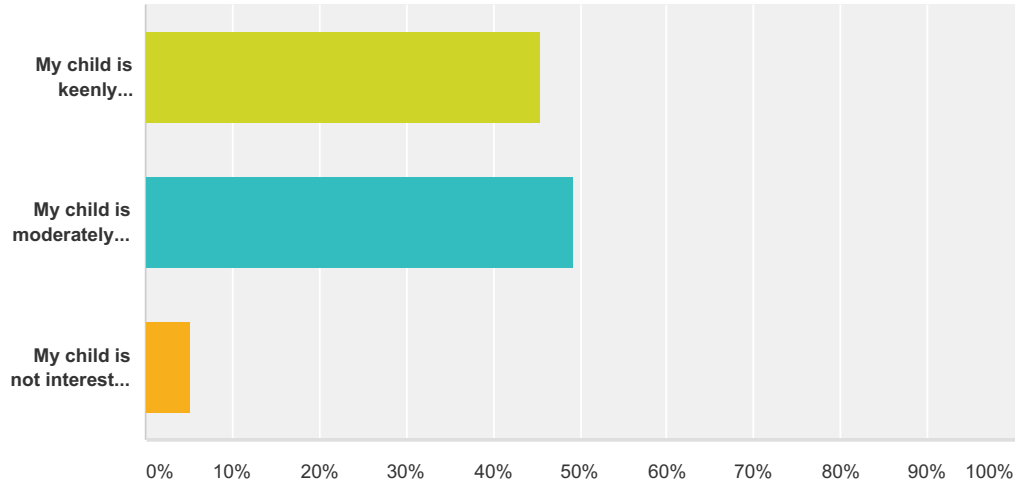


### Q1 How would you describe your child's interest and enthusiasm in elementary social studies?

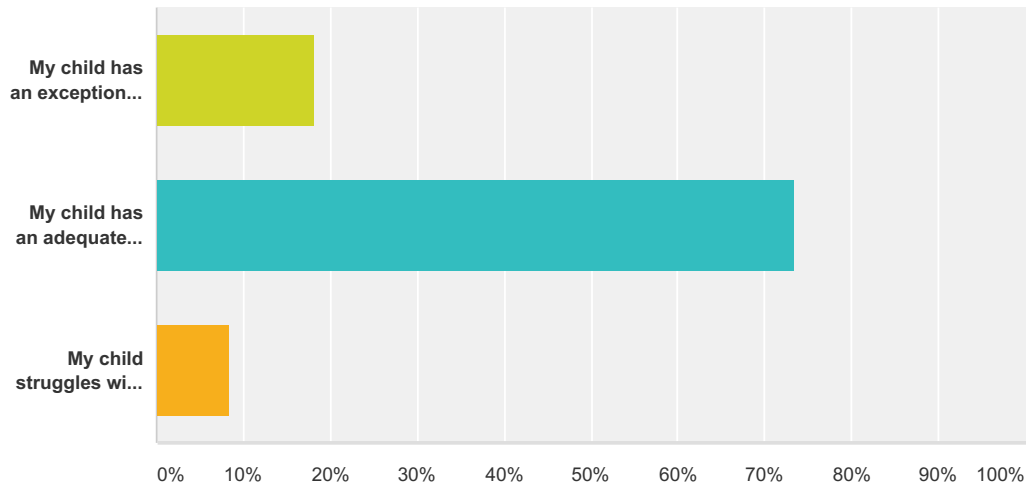
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Answer Choices	Responses
My child is keenly interested and enthusiastic about social studies	45.54% 194
My child is moderately interested in and enthusiastic about social studies	49.30% 210
My child is not interested in or enthusiastic about social studies	5.16% 22
<b>Total</b>	<b>426</b>

## Q2 How would you describe your child's skills and conceptual understanding in elementary social studies?

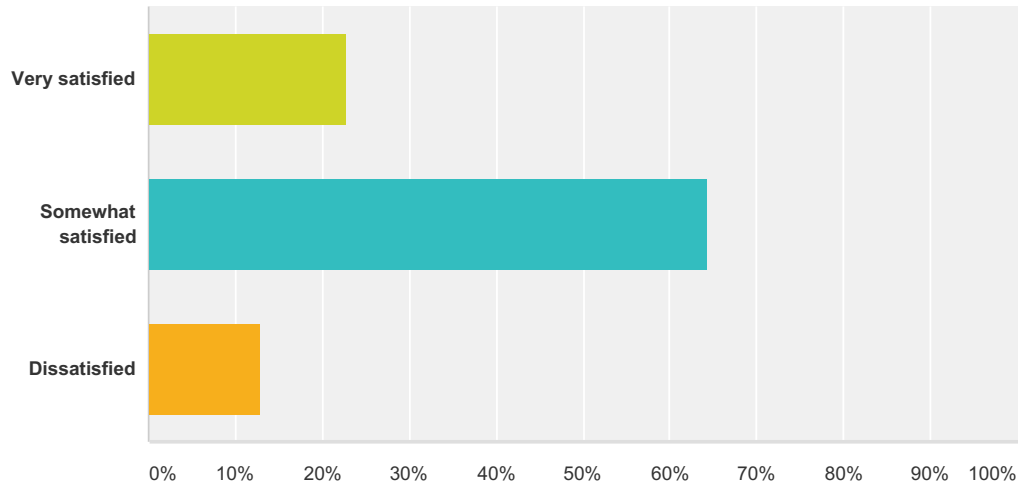
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Answer Choices	Responses
My child has an exceptional grasp of social studies concepts and skills	18.08% 77
My child has an adequate grasp of social studies concepts and skills	73.47% 313
My child struggles with social studies concepts and skills	8.45% 36
<b>Total</b>	<b>426</b>

### Q3 How satisfied are you with the elementary social studies instruction your child has received in the Issaquah School District?

Answered: 418 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very satisfied	22.73%	95
Somewhat satisfied	64.35%	269
Dissatisfied	12.92%	54
<b>Total</b>		<b>418</b>

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### Q4 What is most important to you in your child's elementary social studies education?

Answered: 279 Skipped: 147

#	Responses	Date
1	Government, local, state and national information.	11/15/2016 4:27 PM
2	American history	11/15/2016 2:21 PM
3	To know about people and places.	11/14/2016 9:34 PM
4	Making it interesting, fun and relatable.	11/14/2016 4:22 PM
5	I would like to see the school teaching the kids more personal responsibility, from conservation to financial planning.	11/14/2016 1:42 PM
6	keep it simple and unbiased.	11/13/2016 12:00 AM
7	I think it's important that students learn about WA state, about our nation's history, and especially about geography of the USA as well as the world.	11/12/2016 7:28 AM
8	Geography, politics, economy.	11/11/2016 6:51 PM
9	Learning everything about the community, how things work in community, and everything around the society.	11/11/2016 5:57 PM
10	Understanding the value of community, and positive citizenship.	11/11/2016 9:22 AM
11	A good world view. More of an IB approach to history and appreciation of cultures.	11/10/2016 7:00 PM
12	Geography, and history	11/10/2016 3:37 PM
13	Country and States, Government, Culture, People/Society, Places, environment, history	11/10/2016 12:08 PM
14	Learning about the diversity of our society. Personality-wise, opinion-wise, etc.	11/9/2016 10:56 PM
15	Economics and awareness of the world outside of the US.	11/9/2016 7:36 PM
16	to learn about other cultures and to learn more about the world outside of the US	11/9/2016 4:29 PM
17	History to be told as is.	11/9/2016 3:47 PM
18	Respect	11/9/2016 2:33 PM
19	She love Learning about the regions.	11/9/2016 2:17 PM
20	Most important: don't mention the name Trump.	11/9/2016 1:54 PM
21	That they understand why they are learning about social studies.	11/9/2016 1:51 PM
22	To understand the concepts	11/9/2016 9:52 AM
23	To increase their world awareness, respect other cultures and ways of living. Learning is best if interactive, hands on, visual, auditory (music) etc.	11/9/2016 8:32 AM
24	They learn information and skills to help them be contributing members of society. I also want them to be able to think for themselves and make their own educated decisions.	11/9/2016 8:29 AM
25	That it does not become an indoctrination vehicle like middle school social studies.	11/9/2016 8:06 AM
26	Civics	11/8/2016 11:07 PM
27	Engage the students, use relatable examples.	11/8/2016 9:59 PM
28	N/A	11/8/2016 9:17 PM
29	Well rounded	11/8/2016 8:26 PM
30	Over the course of elementary education we would like our child to have a good understanding of "social" responsibilities and how to be a good citizen.	11/8/2016 7:28 PM

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31	The most important thing in my opinion is to give the children an overview of the wider world. I want them to learn that other places exist, other places are different and that the differences are normal and acceptable.	11/8/2016 6:59 PM
32	Textbooks and questions backing up everything they are learning	11/8/2016 6:29 PM
33	Understanding about our history and Geography.	11/8/2016 6:20 PM
34	Teaching history as well as tying in tangible relevant concepts they can relate to is important.	11/8/2016 6:07 PM
35	Provide him general informations about American continent history, American continent geography, Childrens right and responsibilities, how we can help our community	11/8/2016 6:02 PM
36	More stress on geography and world affairs. There's a big world outside the US, and kids seem less aware of world events, historical context and geography...they can barely read a map w/o using GPS.	11/8/2016 5:00 PM
37	I would like to know what is being taught and what the new curriculums cover.	11/8/2016 4:24 PM
38	Covers diversity	11/8/2016 4:09 PM
39	it is important that my child gets exposure to social issues & diversity. more importantly these lessons need be communicated with parents just like math curriculum is shared.	11/8/2016 4:02 PM
40	what is involved in "elementary social studies"?	11/8/2016 3:49 PM
41	coverage of basic civic responsibilities, government, sociology, health, economics, history, geography	11/8/2016 3:46 PM
42	He will get knowledge about the outside world.	11/8/2016 3:41 PM
43	Interactive learning is the best education for my child.	11/8/2016 3:34 PM
44	I would like her to know more about current event relating to history .	11/8/2016 3:31 PM
45	Well rounded approach -	11/8/2016 3:25 PM
46	Understanding of problem solving, changing world matters and connection to our history.	11/8/2016 3:24 PM
47	They need to learn things happening around them in the country and internationally. Small concepts taught in context would help them undwrstand bigger issues.	11/8/2016 3:19 PM
48	A broad, unbiased understanding of history and the world around them.	11/8/2016 3:15 PM
49	Geography, culture	11/8/2016 3:10 PM
50	Robust curriculum with hands-on activities where possible	11/8/2016 3:09 PM
51	Fair and balanced teaching.	11/8/2016 3:04 PM
52	presented in a fun way, using projects or activities.	11/8/2016 1:47 PM
53	We are immigrant and don't know very detail about how US society/social system works. Wish the social studies teach our child the merit of this country and work on it to keep those merits last forever. I also wish you teach the cultural difference and help children to cope up with them.	11/8/2016 11:13 AM
54	Engaging and relevant	11/7/2016 5:39 PM
55	Understanding other cultures' contributions to America. Understanding America's current social environment, and comprehending diversity.	11/7/2016 9:43 AM
56	Concept of respect and discipline being instilled in kids. Anti bullying is equally important	11/6/2016 10:00 PM
57	Teaching the history of our great country without individual politization	11/6/2016 7:54 AM
58	to get an overview about US history, culture and society. (Including election this year)	11/5/2016 8:17 PM
59	Global awareness, current topics, online extensions (like access to brainpop)	11/5/2016 7:01 AM
60	That it is accurate and current and doesn't perpetuate fallacies.	11/4/2016 9:18 PM
61	That he learn the full context of whatever he is learning.	11/4/2016 7:23 PM
62	I want my daughter to have accurate and up to date information that is age appropriate, reflects the diversity of our community and reinforces her civic responsibilities to our local community.	11/4/2016 4:50 PM
63	Geography, Politics, some history	11/4/2016 4:08 PM
64	He loves to history portion offered. It has been amazing to watch him connect current events to his learning. To foster a sense of ownership to history (good and bad) and to understand how yesterday's history continues to impact us today.	11/4/2016 3:29 PM

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65	Hard to do the survey as I have 3 very different children at Clark. The 5th grader has a wonderful grasp of social studies and enjoys it. The 3rd grader struggles and needs additional help.	11/4/2016 3:27 PM
66	Earth- its nature Revolutions	11/4/2016 3:26 PM
67	That he receives accurate and balanced information with a focus on diversity and social justice; that there be an aspect of relatability and concept of positive contribution to history and community.	11/4/2016 3:06 PM
68	They need to learn about the rest of the world so they think globally not locally.	11/4/2016 1:15 PM
69	Include more Hispanic/Latino and African American/Black, Native American stories and perspectives	11/4/2016 11:44 AM
70	Cultural competency	11/4/2016 8:13 AM
71	Various cultures and civilizations Freedom fights and great people who changed the world	11/3/2016 10:12 PM
72	Learning is beyond memorization and includes real world connections	11/3/2016 9:58 PM
73	Understandable and interesting	11/3/2016 6:40 PM
74	Geography and history	11/3/2016 5:36 PM
75	That the information be told in a fun and exciting way and that it be non-biased politically	11/3/2016 5:17 PM
76	Learn more about how the world works	11/3/2016 4:28 PM
77	In order to be aware of her social surroundings and being able to positively participate in a group setting.	11/3/2016 3:42 PM
78	Civics	11/3/2016 3:24 PM
79	That lessons are engaging and relevant	11/3/2016 1:09 PM
80	More focus on Native Americans. History should be taught from a Native American viewpoint, rather than Native Americans being another ethnic group generally included in European-centric view	11/3/2016 1:02 PM
81	Including diversity and instilling a strong sense of community and civic duty.	11/3/2016 12:49 PM
82	Understanding global perspective and the US history. In an ever evolving world scope of understanding is key to success in the world as an adult.	11/3/2016 11:56 AM
83	That there is a grey line with everything. No just write or wrong. Experiment is learning	11/3/2016 11:27 AM
84	That the information they learn feels relevant to them, which I feel like so far it has.	11/3/2016 11:17 AM
85	Learning about world events and countries.	11/3/2016 9:55 AM
86	That they have an overview and initial enthusiasm to trigger increased curiosity and learning; ability to comprehend and begin to relate social studies to day-to-day life	11/3/2016 8:48 AM
87	Learning broad concepts like the wide variety of cultures in this world, and valuing people no matter where they come from and having a generous sense of curiosity about people and the world.	11/3/2016 8:47 AM
88	GEOGRAPHY!!!! They need to become aware of themselves as global citizens and increase their knowledge of the whole world around them.	11/2/2016 9:37 PM
89	That it's taught! Let's be honest, SS completely gets shut out I. Place of Math, Reading, and Writing. We're expecting our kids to function in this nation, they should know it's history.	11/2/2016 9:36 PM
90	current historical topics	11/2/2016 8:41 PM
91	Empathy, compassion, diversity, safety within the community	11/2/2016 8:18 PM
92	I hope my child will learn about different parts of the world as well as our own state and country and learn about different cultures other than their own.	11/2/2016 7:39 PM
93	We want our children to see social studies as relevant to their lives, not as merely something to read out of dry textbooks. We love the simulations teachers are doing and connections among big ideas or patterns in history.	11/2/2016 7:02 PM
94	Truth	11/2/2016 6:50 PM
95	culture, geography	11/2/2016 5:12 PM
96	Learning about different cultures, geography, social issues affecting the society	11/2/2016 5:12 PM
97	Learning US History. Not just current history but history that goes back to the civil war, the creation of the Constitution etc...	11/2/2016 4:21 PM
98	history and current events	11/2/2016 3:58 PM

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99	Understanding the history of the United States. Prefer that time is not spent on all of the politically correct topics of the day:	11/2/2016 3:51 PM
100	history, current events, integration if possible with other subjects	11/2/2016 3:08 PM
101	That she develop a broad understanding of the world around her so that she may practice empathy and sound decision making.	11/2/2016 3:08 PM
102	To learn common sense approach to social standards and truth in history. Not to project certain groups as victims or perpetrators. Factual bases of information.	11/2/2016 2:53 PM
103	Knowing the world map, familiar with the concept that we are a small country among many, knowing USA states and where they are.	11/2/2016 1:46 PM
104	That it is NOT taught from a politically correct stand point and teaches them in a neutral way about government structure, geography and our shared American heritage. We are very tired of having our sons and daughter being taught they are the root of all the evils perpetrated throughout history and should be responsible for making up for all the suffering of people living today simply because they were born as white children. This has already been in my daughter's classes well into high school and we'd like to make our voices heard that we find it extremely offensive and would like it to stop.	11/2/2016 1:19 PM
105	Not teaching wacky stuff	11/2/2016 1:06 PM
106	I really value that they are learning about community, their role in it and what it means	11/2/2016 12:57 PM
107	History and geography in general.	11/2/2016 12:24 PM
108	Historical accuracy that integrates geography at the same time, equal education on all cultures and ethnicities, a strong focus on American government that compares and contrasts other global governments, interesting story based curriculum that does not include just memorization of facts or places.	11/2/2016 12:14 PM
109	My child is in grade K, not sure this really applies	11/2/2016 12:03 PM
110	That it's not driven by politics or ideology - just facts.	11/2/2016 11:59 AM
111	To know more about natural phenomenons.. understanding general division of continents etc	11/2/2016 11:47 AM
112	I find it odd and disappointing that history (Both American and world) is not a regular subject at a younger age.	11/2/2016 11:26 AM
113	Hands-on experience in the classroom and locality (able to visit) will be a plus! For example, after a local native lesson in the classroom, our family visited the Tillicum Village. And the Oregon trail lesson was great as we can plan a trip to a part of the trail.	11/2/2016 11:04 AM
114	geography, history, current events	11/2/2016 10:59 AM
115	We want the experience to be as much "hands on" as possible since social studies can be a relatively "dry" subject area both for the teacher and student especially if a teacher solely relies on a textbook (that has boring written all over it!). Also, most teachers don't like teaching Social Studies because it is not the most exciting subject to teach so they come across boring in teaching this subject. Skip the textbook format because that is too traditional for the modern society we live in. Unfortunately, technology has made it challenging to capture and keep the attention of our students who live in a "screen" world.	11/2/2016 10:39 AM
116	An emphasis seems to be understanding the many cultures that make up the current classroom and community - all well and good , but curriculum could provide more US history, a sense of what has transpired in the past as well as the present, a feeling of being in history and how we can learn from the past. Presenting an appreciation for the heritage of this country.	11/2/2016 10:38 AM
117	That the kids can engage with it at some level. All my children loved the 'immersion' style 3rd grade pioneer unit	11/2/2016 10:27 AM
118	The ability to think and problem solve about social issues rather than just memorizing facts.	11/2/2016 10:27 AM
119	Enough understanding to easily transition into middle school.	11/2/2016 10:15 AM
120	Understanding what other cultures exist and why and in the older grades, religions and what they mean and how they've impacted society.	11/2/2016 10:01 AM
121	workings of U.S. government, map reading and identifying continents, countries and states, etc.	11/2/2016 9:37 AM
122	An introduction to the basic concepts of geography, history, etc. Helping them understand how history is recorded and why it's important to understand.	11/2/2016 9:23 AM
123	Cultural diversity and public good	11/2/2016 9:12 AM
124	Clear understanding	11/2/2016 9:07 AM

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125	Understanding & application of English Language- Spelling, grammar, vocabulary, reading and comprehension are essential but neither these are not taught ( especially grammar and spelling ) and there is no homework. I have not idea what my child is learning and how well!	11/2/2016 8:59 AM
126	Not a textbook - primary sources, documents, variety of books on topics from different perspectives, newspapers, project based	11/2/2016 8:57 AM
127	They learn about the world and their role/responsibility as citizens. Develop an interest in current events and public affairs	11/2/2016 8:55 AM
128	That they study the importance of the founding fathers and the constitution. A non-biased curriculum.	11/2/2016 8:53 AM
129	Objectivity. Middle school social studies is now just grievance studies. IHS this year added a 9th grade "Diversity" unit that is completely one-sided, no presenting whatsoever of opposing viewpoints, especially the unit on Institutional racism, a complete violation of ISD's own policy of objectivity in introducing controversial subjects.	11/2/2016 8:49 AM
130	Understanding and appreciation of the fact that there are other cultures and ways of doing things.	11/2/2016 8:39 AM
131	Set material from which parents can also refer and also a more detailed approach.	11/2/2016 8:37 AM
132	That it be relevant to her life.	11/2/2016 8:26 AM
133	learning about how to be a good citizen, social emotional learning	11/2/2016 8:17 AM
134	Learning history first and how in correlates in an "unbiased" method, to today's current events	11/2/2016 7:36 AM
135	The topic should be a platform on which kids learn how to think about topics from developmentally appropriate perspectives. The topics should be relevant and flexible	11/2/2016 7:29 AM
136	History is often misrepresented in textbooks. (See Race: Power of an Illusion) It is very important to me that my child is learning accurate facts and also understands what different cultures have contributed to society. For example, the only exposure they get to the African-American experience is that of slavery when there were many inventors, policy makers, scientists, etc. (Thurgood Marshall, Tuskegee Airmen, George Washington Carver) Same goes for all other cultures and their contributions.	11/2/2016 6:23 AM
137	Enjoyment, trigger curiosity	11/2/2016 5:57 AM
138	I would like the school district to have an unbiased curriculum for social studies.	11/2/2016 5:47 AM
139	That they get exposure to the best lessons and practices of other cultures and countries and people. Social studies curriculums run the risk depending on publisher/writers/and those adopting from being tunnel visioned biased to certain political view or movement or intention. Current system indoctrinates rather than enlighten and expose children to world wide views.	11/2/2016 5:02 AM
140	History, current events, geography	11/2/2016 12:28 AM
141	He understands basic economic state of the country.	11/2/2016 12:17 AM
142	Inadequate focus on civic studies	11/2/2016 12:01 AM
143	Exposure to various cultures, history, geography, etc. and discussions about how these things may shape their own daily life.	11/1/2016 11:57 PM
144	Learning deeply about Native America and World history.	11/1/2016 11:52 PM
145	Politics matter. Voting is crucial	11/1/2016 11:35 PM
146	learning about and valuing the world outside of their immediate surroundings - i.e. the world	11/1/2016 11:17 PM
147	Diversity of thought, religion, and, ideology.	11/1/2016 10:39 PM
148	That they begin to grasp that the world exists as single entity influenced by different cultures and histories, all of which can work together.	11/1/2016 10:34 PM
149	That they have a basic understanding of their place in the world and that they be introduced in an age-appropriate way to current events.	11/1/2016 10:32 PM
150	Study of economics, geography, history, law, philosophy, political science, etc so that my children can make good informed and reasoned decisions in our democratic society.	11/1/2016 10:19 PM
151	Learning factual ideas rather than other individuals thoughts and suggestions. I think the elementary school level should be more factual while the high school level can be independently learned.	11/1/2016 10:13 PM
152	I think it is important to cultivate an understanding ndersyanding of what we can learn from history, not just to learn history as a story of the past.	11/1/2016 9:59 PM



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153	Not sure what they are learning. You should have given me some idea of what they are learning. Social studies is a broad subject.	11/1/2016 9:57 PM
154	to learn more about the world and not only what happens in the USA, we live in the global world today and it is important to be familiar what is happening in other countries	11/1/2016 9:53 PM
155	That they have basic understanding of the different events in history. Plus enjoy learning it. Possibly some hands on or simulations .	11/1/2016 9:35 PM
156	Relevant topics/issues: acceptance, cultural diversity, WA (especially local) history, basic geography, ...	11/1/2016 9:23 PM
157	Understanding how to be a good citizen of this country and a being a worldly thinker - there is so much more to this planet than this small and privileged space we inhabit in the PacNW. Would love to help foster a sense of social justice.	11/1/2016 9:21 PM
158	American history -- Revolutionary war, founding of our country, declaration of Independence bill of rights US Constitution	11/1/2016 9:10 PM
159	My child should begin to develop a framework for accepting and appreciating diversity. The classroom should reflect society as a whole, and works towards helping children learn what it means to be a part of a diverse society.	11/1/2016 9:03 PM
160	Diversity	11/1/2016 9:01 PM
161	Find multiple ways that students can express ideas through reading, art, drama.	11/1/2016 8:57 PM
162	In addition to learning about local, state and national governments, I would like to see civics taught at the elementary level.	11/1/2016 8:29 PM
163	Learning about American history that is inclusive of all races/ cultures/ gender.	11/1/2016 8:16 PM
164	Social Studies provides a foundation for all of the related social sciences and history that are so integral to a well rounded education. It is critical.	11/1/2016 8:01 PM
165	Learning about the past and the way it shapes the present and future.	11/1/2016 7:58 PM
166	Learning how to be a citizen and participate in a community. Learn mapping skills and about other cultures and the problems that they face with climate change.	11/1/2016 7:39 PM
167	Learning about other cultures	11/1/2016 7:29 PM
168	I just want them to have fun and be engaged in the learning. I want them to have the knowledge, but i don't want it to information overload.	11/1/2016 7:18 PM
169	Acceptance of differences.	11/1/2016 7:18 PM
170	SS education should intrigue kids to do their own research to grow their knowledge and should cover all age appropriate aspects of the subject.	11/1/2016 6:57 PM
171	That he is given time to grasp concepts	11/1/2016 6:51 PM
172	Learning about other cultures, history and geography	11/1/2016 6:50 PM
173	History, government, civics, learning about other cultures, and current events.	11/1/2016 6:47 PM
174	I don't know what you're referring to for social studies and where it aligns to work in the classroom. Yes, they learn about different cultures, but I don't know whether it's something that's integrated into the curriculum or on the side?	11/1/2016 6:46 PM
175	Geography	11/1/2016 6:34 PM
176	developmentally appropriate content, emphasis on exposure in the primary grades, not mastery of content, no more tests.	11/1/2016 6:29 PM
177	I have no idea.	11/1/2016 6:26 PM

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178	I want my student to learn United States history and about modern events. Exposure to past world events/history should only be introduced as a necessity to understanding US history and current events; it should not be a significant focus of the curriculum. This is not to say my student should not learn about antiquity, the middle ages, the renaissance, Africa, Latin America and Pacific Islander historical events. What I mean is that the curriculum should focus on US historical events and branch out to incorporate related modern events and then connect to past global history. This helps develop relevance, and can show our students how our social ideas and political practices evolved over time from a variety of influential sources. We need to restore a sense of nationalism to our curriculum so our students gain an appreciation for what binds our society together; not an emphasis on conflict and group identity fostering what makes us different. Common American ideals--liberty, democracy, opportunity, rights, equality--should be the focus of the curriculum. Also, religion should be examined in an historical context, exposing our students to the multitude of religious faiths and non-religious beliefs marking our nation in the past and present. The separation of church and state is a critical component in our nation's past and present that should be emphasized.	11/1/2016 6:23 PM
179	Learning how to write properly should be a focus	11/1/2016 6:15 PM
180	civics	11/1/2016 6:12 PM
181	Understanding of US history, rights and responsibilities of citizens and the voting process, interest and curiosity about the country and world we live in	11/1/2016 5:45 PM
182	Understanding other cultures	11/1/2016 5:43 PM
183	Civics. Kids need to learn how our government works.	11/1/2016 5:43 PM
184	Understanding community and social behaviors between different cultures. Caring for environment and judiciously using all resources.	11/1/2016 5:40 PM
185	The material should be clear and engaging.	11/1/2016 5:34 PM
186	I would like my children to learn the history. I would like my children taught to be PROUD to be Americans!	11/1/2016 5:30 PM
187	Have an adequate understanding	11/1/2016 5:24 PM
188	Government, geography, basic political understanding	11/1/2016 5:21 PM
189	That they learn history, maps, and directions for reading maps.	11/1/2016 5:18 PM
190	context in their world	11/1/2016 5:17 PM
191	Concepts and ideas that relate to our global community, and the interconnectedness of things.	11/1/2016 5:14 PM
192	Giving them an appreciation of the world around them - and helping them to be curious about why and how things are. In an electronic age it's important for elementary kids to get their hands dirty and find things for themselves	11/1/2016 5:03 PM
193	Awareness of community, personal responsibilities and how to navigate the upcoming digital age.	11/1/2016 5:03 PM
194	1. teaching value of a free society; 2. emphasis on multi-cultural diversity; 3. teaching respect for environment as a social value	11/1/2016 5:02 PM
195	Engaging lessons and current events	11/1/2016 5:00 PM
196	That it is relevant and age appropriate, and that it goes well with other areas of the curriculum.	11/1/2016 5:00 PM
197	I would like them to learn about geography and cultures.	11/1/2016 4:55 PM
198	sense of community	11/1/2016 4:54 PM
199	Collaboration in all the disciplines Emphasis in sociology and developing responsible citizens	11/1/2016 4:53 PM
200	To learn social studies.	11/1/2016 4:50 PM
201	Learning and that material is current and up to date.	11/1/2016 4:49 PM
202	Social and global awareness.	11/1/2016 4:45 PM
203	I want there to be a social studies education. It's important to learn about the world we live in and how history has brought us to this point.	11/1/2016 4:44 PM
204	Civic education and learning about how our gov't works	11/1/2016 4:44 PM
205	I would like to focus a bit more on world history at an earlier age. I like that third grade touches on Native American history and the movement west with the Pilgrims. I am also very excited about 4th grade's Washington State unit. I would love to focus a bit more on different cultures and how they became who they are as well.	11/1/2016 4:39 PM
206	It's important that geography be a central part of the curriculum. Not enough emphasis is put on geography in K-12.	11/1/2016 4:38 PM

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207	Earth level and local level perspective	11/1/2016 4:35 PM
208	Global perspective and bringing life to ancient civilizations (South American, Egyptian, Greek, Roman).	11/1/2016 4:34 PM
209	Understanding our world	11/1/2016 4:34 PM
210	When studying a certain aspect in time (settlement of the west, Lewis and Clark, etc.), I would like my child to know of simultaneous historic events that are happening and not just in a Eurocentric setting. We have so many families from different countries and cultures it would be an excellent initiation into world citizenry.	11/1/2016 4:33 PM
211	Gaining an understanding of how one individual's actions can have broad reaching affects. Understand that they can't control their environment, but they can choose how to respond to it. I want them to understand what it means to stand up for what they believe, and how it can be hard, but also why it's so important. I want them to learn how to be true to themselves, and how to lead. I want them to gain the confidence to believe that they can make a difference.	11/1/2016 4:33 PM
212	American history and geography Current events and where we all fit into that World history and geography World current events and how we fit into that Emphasis on learning from history, that what we do today will have an impact on tomorrow, that together we can improve our lives and those that share our planet. Use current events and case studies (age appropriate) to interest the kids. Maybe a guest speaker from World Vision, or a local athlete or celebrity involved in a local charity - we all matter!	11/1/2016 4:29 PM
213	A balanced curriculum that isn't too liberal.	11/1/2016 4:27 PM
214	The most important thing for elementary studies education is to have age appropriate and continuous instruction that is not chaotic and jumpy but flows naturally from one concept to another, from easier to more complicated. I believe lots of kids lack stable grasp of simple nature processes (seasons, geographical concepts, weather and local nature specifics) but are being asked to understand complex social concepts like homelessness and elections. Closer to middle school age social studies should broaden kids' understanding of not only local and very region-specific issues or approaches but also show broader scope of events including international level, making kids aware of diversity of approaches and opinions. It is very beneficial to have access to established and reliable reference materials starting from Kindergarten that can be easily accessed and that explains concepts in more depth as kids mature.	11/1/2016 4:25 PM
215	It would be ideal to include concepts beyond just family and community!	11/1/2016 4:24 PM
216	knowledge about the world and not just US. We live in a global economy and education should reflect that.	11/1/2016 4:23 PM
217	I really have not seen much social studies in the classroom. They need a lot more. My kids would not even know the continents if I had not taught them.	11/1/2016 4:23 PM
218	I believe every child should have a good understanding of Economics, Geography & different cultures of the world, as well as have an understanding of historical context for things happening around them.	11/1/2016 4:23 PM
219	Education in learning other cultures, religions as well as national and international issues i.e. Poverty, African-American history, world history, politics	11/1/2016 4:23 PM
220	Inspire their curiosity and desire to learn the subject	11/1/2016 4:22 PM
221	would love to have insight into what is actually being studied to be able to have those discussion with my child.	11/1/2016 4:21 PM
222	World knowledge - geography, culture, politics	11/1/2016 4:21 PM
223	Very much important	11/1/2016 4:16 PM
224	I am not aware that my child has received any social studies education. I would like them to have an awareness of the world and and understanding that we are just a portion of that.	11/1/2016 4:16 PM
225	Understanding of different cultures (current and historical), government, civics and world religions.	11/1/2016 4:13 PM
226	We need a curriculum that can provide the basics to all kids, while including differentiated activities so that teachers have materials to use to teach advanced learners. We should not rely on each teacher to create the advanced materials, but rather the advanced materials should be included in the curriculum.	11/1/2016 4:12 PM
227	Critical thinking skills, the ability to sift through media noise to understand that is actually true, a sense of civic pride and duty.	11/1/2016 4:11 PM
228	Pick a few topics including current events.	11/1/2016 4:11 PM
229	The ability to make connections in history to the world today. How do historical events impact us today? Personal connections to real world things.	11/1/2016 4:11 PM
230	Overall understanding of world geography, history and government	11/1/2016 4:09 PM

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231	From My point of opinion, i would like the teacher to send homework related to the topic what they learn once a week atleast, and also more project kind of assignments related to the topics they learn like kids getting opportunity to get information from internet or from books. Test to be conducted after the finishing of every topic they learn.	11/1/2016 4:07 PM
232	An emerging understanding of how history plays a role in explaining our society today. Also the ability to consume historical education with a filter to identify bias and perspective.	11/1/2016 4:06 PM
233	Community involvement and participation. Teaching kids that they are part of a bigger community and responsible for it.	11/1/2016 4:05 PM
234	She enjoys the year long depth of subject. Taking time to turn over all of the stones in one area of study. I like the opportunity to learn study techniques with interesting content. The study skills she learns in social studies are an excellent life skill.	11/1/2016 4:05 PM
235	That he's learning and understanding what he is being taught	11/1/2016 4:04 PM
236	It should be an integrated study of the social sciences, humanities and history. People are the domain of social studies. This includes people as nearby as family and as far away as those who live in the most distant nations. It includes people living now, those who lived long ago, and those who will live in the future. Social studies has the potential to be the best part of the school day because it is when children connect with other people. As children learn about others, they will be fascinated by differences among cultural groups, while at the same time they will find the commonalities that create a shared sense of humanity.	11/1/2016 4:04 PM
237	relevance taught, smaller classroom sizes.	11/1/2016 4:03 PM
238	The breadth of coverage concerning different locations, cultures, etc.	11/1/2016 4:03 PM
239	Less coloring and more knowledge	11/1/2016 4:02 PM
240	Balanced an unbiased approach to teaching.	11/1/2016 3:59 PM
241	American history	11/1/2016 3:59 PM
242	Project based learning opportunities. Critical thinking. Geography. Understanding of human diversity. Civics and citizenship.	11/1/2016 3:58 PM
243	That they get the true picture about history not a politically adjusted one.	11/1/2016 3:56 PM
244	It is important that children at an elementary level be given a high-level overview on the social study program and then allow them to have first hand experiences in a few key areas so that they can remember the lessons and why they are important. One example: Have the kids study geography on the map. Then have them learn about other schools in other states. Work with a teacher at another school and get the students to form pen-pal relationships with kids at this school so that they can find out what its like to live in a different state or go to a different school.	11/1/2016 3:55 PM
245	instilling an interest in social studies, gaining an understanding of why it's important.	11/1/2016 3:55 PM
246	basic understanding.	11/1/2016 3:54 PM
247	geography, history, civic duties	11/1/2016 3:52 PM
248	Become a well rounded citizen that has broad and sometimes deep view of the world. Have strong personal preferences and opinions backed by experience and inclusive of the the diverse opinions of others. Be a constant learner and listener in our ever-changing world.	11/1/2016 3:52 PM
249	Consistency	11/1/2016 3:52 PM
250	That they understand what is going on in the world around them both past and present	11/1/2016 3:52 PM
251	To have fun learning about history and to learn civic responsibility.	11/1/2016 3:51 PM
252	Engaging and active learning	11/1/2016 3:51 PM
253	Focus should be on Global history.... not just WA and American history	11/1/2016 3:50 PM
254	Authentic experiences representing diversity of thoughts and perspectives, along with accurate depictions of historical information.	11/1/2016 3:50 PM
255	practical, experiential, hands on learning of required social studies topics. Love the opportunities for field trips and hands on activities in first nations and colonial settlements, as examples.	11/1/2016 3:49 PM
256	Skills to succeed in secondary and college academic environment and in the workplace	11/1/2016 3:49 PM
257	Widen horizons and collect experiences.	11/1/2016 3:47 PM
258	Broad range of topics. Interesting materials.	11/1/2016 3:46 PM

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259	Washington state seems to be de-valuing social studies, but we feel it is a very important part of our child's curriculum.	11/1/2016 3:46 PM
260	The children know the social reality of poverty and how they can really help, they understand better about the General History for their community, state, country and our continent.	11/1/2016 3:46 PM
261	Discussing current events in open ended conversations	11/1/2016 3:45 PM
262	Relevancy and real-life connections.	11/1/2016 3:45 PM
263	In 3rd grade Grand Ridge my kids were engaged due to roll playing, story telling and cultural experiences. This opened their eyes to the world of social studies and are now very interested! Would like to see it ALL integrated- where art, math, and especially geography. They don't like memorizing the Great Lakes, but knowing the	11/1/2016 3:44 PM
264	Social interaction and problem solving Growth mindset Environmental awareness Social fabric: neighborhood, local, state, federal Financial management and awareness	11/1/2016 3:44 PM
265	An understanding of the local culture and the global culture. Knowing that the world is a large place with many different but equally important views.	11/1/2016 3:43 PM
266	American study, earth	11/1/2016 3:43 PM
267	I would like to see an integration of current events and historical events with relevant context. History needs to be tangible such that it can be applied to modern day life/issues.	11/1/2016 3:43 PM
268	Make sure the teacher provided enough information to the student and parent to study at home and prepare for tests.	11/1/2016 3:43 PM
269	We like a world social studies	11/1/2016 3:42 PM
270	To learn the history & cultures covered in a straight forward realistic way.	11/1/2016 3:42 PM
271	That he is excited about the subject	11/1/2016 3:42 PM
272	It is important that they receive a well-rounded world view that is not biased.	11/1/2016 3:42 PM
273	Give kids tools to apply the values they learned from school to solve their real world problem.	11/1/2016 3:40 PM
274	That they learn and understand our past- and how it affects our present and future. That they have a rudimentary grasp of modern politics. They learn what wars we've fought and why- and what events have shaped our history as we know it.	11/1/2016 3:40 PM
275	Understanding Good citizenship and basic knowledge of how government works.	11/1/2016 3:40 PM
276	Truth, without political correctness woven through it...	11/1/2016 3:38 PM
277	Learning history,	11/1/2016 3:35 PM
278	I like the current curriculum. I like relevant and engaging allow my child to think critically.	11/1/2016 3:35 PM
279	Basic civics	11/1/2016 3:34 PM

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## Q5 What else would you like us to know as we begin this process?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 287

#	Responses	Date
1	Focus less on the boring and tedious memorization facts that we were taught as kids. Dive into stories or biographies. For example the only thing I remember about the War of 1812 was that it was in 1812.	11/15/2016 4:27 PM
2	I'd like to see more focus on geography and I'd like ISD to look at social studies across K-12 to make sure that there are no gaps in curriculum (covering local, state, country and world) as they consider new social studies curriculum.	11/12/2016 7:28 AM
3	Learn more about the communities in other counties, what the other societies are like, etc.	11/11/2016 5:57 PM
4	Please consider choosing curriculum that honors the diversity of our community.	11/11/2016 9:22 AM
5	Helps to tie in art, geographical location and connections to the present	11/10/2016 3:37 PM
6	Keep us posted now and then on what kids learn in Social science at school	11/10/2016 12:08 PM
7	I would like to know more about what the social studies program consists of for elementary students. That is a pretty vague term.	11/9/2016 10:56 PM
8	n.a	11/9/2016 4:29 PM
9	If you must bring up Trump then also bring up sexual consent. Not being a racist. And why you should vote for people with morals.	11/9/2016 1:54 PM
10	Try to find textbooks that depict women in history.	11/9/2016 1:51 PM
11	If you want feedback on the curriculum you should discuss, and ask questions about, the curriculum. This survey is very generic and feels like a waste of time. Please be more thoughtful before sending email surveys - we are already barraged with school emails.	11/9/2016 10:41 AM
12	To include more geography of the country	11/9/2016 9:52 AM
13	The 3rd grade immersive Oregon trail and pioneer days re-enactment my kids did in their classes was the highlight of their year!	11/9/2016 8:32 AM
14	Elementary children are too young to learn about sexual orientation, gender identity, racism, sexism, and all that leftist ideology. Please do not use social studies as a way to "teach" these things to our kids. My child has enough to worry about learning ELA, math and science. He doesn't need all these distractions.	11/9/2016 8:06 AM
15	Broadly cover the history but no so deep that it becomes redundant to what the student must study again in middle and high school. For example, this parent recalls reading and researching from the same books they would use in junior high and high school, horribly boring.	11/8/2016 9:59 PM
16	N/A	11/8/2016 9:17 PM
17	Keep an open mind	11/8/2016 8:26 PM
18	Nothing.	11/8/2016 6:20 PM
19	Active learning that requires movement around the school and/or classroom is the most important. Kids cannot sit all day!	11/8/2016 6:07 PM
20	Less stress on politically-correct US History, and more emphasis on current affairs, geopolitics, international matters, economics, etc...putting things they see on TV and the internet into context.	11/8/2016 5:00 PM
21	I support traditional families and their roles in our communities.	11/8/2016 4:24 PM
22	treat parents as partners. I often am not aware of what the kids are studying in social studies in class but I am very well informed on the math curriculum or the writing curriculum.	11/8/2016 4:02 PM
23	How about...What is involved in "elementary social studies"?	11/8/2016 3:49 PM
24	Apps or work books	11/8/2016 3:41 PM
25	What will be the curriculum at the elementary level social studies	11/8/2016 3:25 PM
26	Education focused on problem resolution and global awareness educates young citizens to see beyond borders.	11/8/2016 3:24 PM

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27	Poverty, religious turmoil, war are all topics kids can be taught but in terms they understand. They should learn everything in the world is not pretty and happy.	11/8/2016 3:19 PM
28	Include more social studies evenly throughout the grades. It seems to be less of a priority to teach, especially in K-2.	11/8/2016 3:15 PM
29	The current 3rd and 4th graders have some difficulty with city state country. For them to understand more social studies they need more solid geography.	11/8/2016 3:10 PM
30	I would like to see more importance given to topics that discuss diversity of culture/ economics/ viewpoints.	11/8/2016 1:47 PM
31	Geography and its affect on social studies	11/6/2016 7:54 AM
32	Social studies ties in amazingly with art. Would love to see more art education and 21st century skills incorporated into any future curriculum adoption. Not interested in adopting curriculum with drill and kill testing and school based achievement standards. Don't think our kids should suffer in an effort to make the school/principal/teachers look good. Would love to see some project based learning in conjunction with social studies.	11/4/2016 9:18 PM
33	Be sure to include parents in the review process. Thanks!	11/4/2016 7:23 PM
34	NA	11/4/2016 3:29 PM
35	Find creative ways to teach social studies. Make it more of a discussion versus lecture. Have the teacher ask questions to start the dialog. It's proven kids learn so much faster when it's done this way versus memorization.	11/4/2016 3:27 PM
36	democracy Hiistory	11/4/2016 3:26 PM
37	Please be sure to include curriculum that encourages children to want to learn , not scare them.	11/4/2016 1:15 PM
38	The school district has kids from many different cultural backgrounds. It's important to keep that in mind and implement when choosing a curriculum	11/4/2016 11:44 AM
39	try to avoid glorifying any historical figures. Each history has multiple versions from various peoples perspective.	11/4/2016 8:13 AM
40	I think that we should teach more geography	11/3/2016 5:36 PM
41	Try to make Social Studies fun! Integrate multiple types of learning, art history, video, story telling, map drawing, culture and language, etc. Taking turns reading aloud from a text book is mind-numbing. So is filling out complete-the-blank worksheets.	11/3/2016 1:09 PM
42	This is America, and so American History should be taught from a Native American viewpoint rather than European	11/3/2016 1:02 PM
43	It is the district's responsibility to teach children early that they are members of a diverse community, and that they need to fulfill their civic duties and be able to work well with other community members. Again, diversity MUST be included and early to help combat homophobia, misogyny, racism, and bigotry. We remember incidents at the High School where the students demonstrated racist behavior and tolerance of this must not be continued.	11/3/2016 12:49 PM
44	As the name implies learning about people and understanding interactions is very important. Ebedding a basic psychological aspect in understanding the social environment is also an essential skill for adults-i would expect that training around this should start at a younger age. It shouldn't only be about how we live, but how we interact with those around us in respect.	11/3/2016 11:56 AM
45	Doing things wrong or right is ok. Hard work and trying and not giving up is how we learn.	11/3/2016 11:27 AM
46	Geography, geography, geography!	11/2/2016 9:37 PM
47	Have history taught in the Elementary. It's not. It has the lowest priority of all the subjects. And don't do the "social justice" view of history like the Seattle District implemented. I will definitely be following this adoption.	11/2/2016 9:36 PM
48	Keep children engaged and enthusiastic by practically taking time ( 10 mins after lesson ) where they get to perform n take turns on what they learned.	11/2/2016 5:12 PM
49	I would somehow like to get my hands on the information that is being taught so I can help with whatever struggles he may have.	11/2/2016 4:21 PM
50	It is not the school districts job to alter social studies curriculum or history in order to formulate a child's mind or perspectives as it pertains to historical facts. It is NOT the educational systems job to choose "good or bad" groups of persons but to display the truth of circumstances with COMMON SENSE.	11/2/2016 2:53 PM
51	Knowing the world map is a highly valuable piece of knowledge. As the internet expands, technology gets better, and travel easier as they age, knowing where they are and can visualize and apply cultures to different areas of the map and/or our own country makes intelligent conversation easier. Understanding the world map and our country gives them a sense of belonging, but at the same time teaches diversity.	11/2/2016 1:46 PM
52	I just feel like there's not much being taught around social studies per se - feels like everything is geared toward math and reading. But, perhaps I'm not hearing about everything being done.	11/2/2016 12:24 PM

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53	I think that in future surveys you should include a definition of what social studies includes. While some think it's focus is on history and government, other's may interpret it to be more anthropologic such as, sociology, culture, ethnicity, and religion. A better idea of your definition would help guide my feedback. Thanks	11/2/2016 12:14 PM
54	My child is in grade K, not sure this really applies	11/2/2016 12:03 PM
55	While I do appreciate the emphasis on reading and math, I would prefer less emphasis on social skills (i.e. how to express your opinion respectfully) and more on social studies (History, government, ect.).	11/2/2016 11:26 AM
56	It's very important that the Social Studies curriculum involve lessons that are engaging and interactive so that no child can find it boring. Memorizing meaningless dates and names and places is boring but bringing history alive through skits, games and creative activities will challenge students to think about events in history that have made our world the way it is as well as involve them in learning to be a participating citizen. Teachers need a social studies curriculum that gives them the license to make instruction hands-on and engaging with the goal being for kids to DISCOVER history not have it taught to them. For example, mini units that involve students creating visual flip books or flap books are going to be much more interesting than worksheets. Most teachers feel less prepared in this subject; therefore, they turn to just the lecture, textbook and worksheet format. When reviewing instructional materials for Social Studies, keep in mind to find such a program that also includes professional development classes for all elementary teachers that focuses on "How To" deliver an exciting social studies curriculum in the age we live in. If teachers show enthusiasm in teaching the subject, kids will be just as excited in the discovery process.	11/2/2016 10:39 AM
57	Demonstrating that everyone can make a difference, and to be good members of society. Not only understanding cultural differences, but also keeping in mind that there are basic human courtesies, manners and values that need to be addressed.	11/2/2016 10:38 AM
58	That it needs to include all of our history including, native american, african american as well as the impact of recent immigrants.	11/2/2016 10:27 AM
59	Washington State History, while I think it is state mandated, is BOOOORING.	11/2/2016 10:27 AM
60	need to work on spelling, grammar, vocabulary and reading and comprehension (Language Arts)	11/2/2016 10:15 AM
61	I'd like to see social studies done in phases-- for younger kids, understanding cultures. Next (3-4 grade) understanding religions and 5-6 grade talking about impacts of the two (ex: wars, treaties, etc.)	11/2/2016 10:01 AM
62	Make it fun!!	11/2/2016 9:37 AM
63	I didn't know what my kids are learning in social studies until I received this survey request today.	11/2/2016 9:32 AM
64	While a survey of all historical time periods might be helpful, especially in these early years, the kids really need to understand the history of the last 100 years!	11/2/2016 9:23 AM
65	I want my child to have a well rounded educational experience.	11/2/2016 9:12 AM
66	What are required national standards. How are students in Issaquah vs Bellevue vs State and nationally compare in test scores?	11/2/2016 8:59 AM
67	No textbook Geography included - knowledge of the world... not solely computer based - computer as resource	11/2/2016 8:57 AM
68	Unless we are talking about teaching ancient world history like Egyptian, Greek and Roman history, I would rather the district leaves off social studies altogether in elementary school. I can totally see ISD using this as another brainwashing opportunity to introduce sexual orientation, gender identity, racism, sexism, inequality and all that leftist propoganda to ever younger kids, like in CA. Please stop!	11/2/2016 8:49 AM
69	The goals and standards addressed each year in elementary school don't seem very obvious to me as my child enters 2nd.	11/2/2016 8:26 AM
70	Please use material that can be factually checked, and if it has a political bias it should not be part of the classroom. Our older students experience at the high school level of the "new" social study material was highly biased politics with almost no frame of refrence to history at all.	11/2/2016 7:36 AM
71	Question 3 above describes how satisfied I am with elementary Soc. St instruction in ISD. I marked dissatisfied because I have no idea what the elementary Soc. St instruction/curriculum is for my child. What is your intended goal with new Soc. St curriculum and adoption and how clear is that message getting to parents.	11/2/2016 7:29 AM
72	American History has not always been pretty...the colonization of other countries and oppression of people is something that is not accurately reflected in current textbooks. Our children need to understand this so these mistakes are not repeated in the future. Especially in our district, many kids grow up with privilege and need to understand the perspective of those who are less fortunate.	11/2/2016 6:23 AM
73	You should review what South Dakota teaches for social studies.	11/2/2016 5:47 AM



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74	Who isn't making these decisions? How qualified are they in terms of cross cultural knowledge, inclusiveness, and world wide view?	11/2/2016 5:02 AM
75	None	11/2/2016 12:28 AM
76	History of American independence. How the constitution was formed.	11/2/2016 12:17 AM
77	As a partner in education of my child I would like to see learning resources and material to teach at home.	11/1/2016 11:52 PM
78	I would like to see some world history brought in earlier than middle school.	11/1/2016 10:34 PM
79	Nothing	11/1/2016 10:19 PM
80	You should send us a summery of the curriculum.	11/1/2016 9:57 PM
81	Pleas teach more the world geography and world history, American children tend to be very ignorant and often they have very small knowledge about the world and the geography of the world.	11/1/2016 9:53 PM
82	I appreciate your time researching/preparing to meet K-5 students' needs. What does this age group truly need to be learning in 2016+ in order to be better prepared for the real world?	11/1/2016 9:23 PM
83	We need more curriculum	11/1/2016 7:39 PM
84	What each grade curriculum covers. My daughter is in second grade.	11/1/2016 7:29 PM
85	I would like to see the majority of class time spent on Reading, Math, and Writing (including handwriting-print in the primary grades and cursive in the intermediate grades), so that instruction can go deep instead of wide. Most important is to give elementary grades a solid foundation to build upon in middle and high school.	11/1/2016 6:29 PM
86	I didn't even know social studies was part of the curriculum.	11/1/2016 6:26 PM
87	What curriculum are being considered. How religion is examined in the curriculum.	11/1/2016 6:23 PM
89	Learning good aspects from various religions and cultures, speaking atleast 5-6 languges	11/1/2016 5:40 PM
90	I do not want my children taught to be ashamed to be Americans.	11/1/2016 5:30 PM
91	Balance teacher workload. Make sure they have time for amazing learning and projects!	11/1/2016 5:26 PM
92	provide the district's goal and vision for SS learning in the elementary years	11/1/2016 5:17 PM
93	pleaae off curriculum that is current and relevant taking a look at things from a larger picture m	11/1/2016 5:14 PM
94	Make this as hands on as possible please! That's what make learning fun	11/1/2016 5:03 PM
95	* preference on teaching active vs. passive engagement to help contribute to a better society.	11/1/2016 5:02 PM
96	The less political the better.	11/1/2016 4:55 PM
97	N/A	11/1/2016 4:54 PM
98	Developing responsible citizens in a culturally diverse democratic society within an interdependent world	11/1/2016 4:53 PM
99	See # 4	11/1/2016 4:50 PM
100	There doesn't seem to be as much emphasis on SS as there is on math writing and reading. It almost seems like a specialist class.	11/1/2016 4:49 PM
101	Don't make it bottom of the list. Make social studies an important part of education.	11/1/2016 4:44 PM
102	Fight to keep political agendas out.	11/1/2016 4:35 PM
103	Also a more applied social studies approach would be beneficial, such as practice on how to respond to unexpected behavior, how to create a nurturing environment in the classroom, how to show respect to others. Different cultures do this differently and sometimes the subtleties can cause problems.	11/1/2016 4:33 PM
104	I think so many of our kids expect things to be easy and get frustrated and give up when things seem hard. I think too often we as parents focus on their intelligence and their grades, but not on their effort and perseverance. I think social studies provides a unique opportunity to focus on the value of perseverance - and of how "failing" is a critical positive part of learning and making a difference in the world.	11/1/2016 4:33 PM
105	Thank you for asking!	11/1/2016 4:29 PM

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106	1. The good thing would be to provide some sort of explanation of what social studies include for each grade. Current ISD website has very vague and short explanation (ex. what are "Communities"?). 2. It is important to have a textbook with theoretical material that can be accessed by parents to have better understanding of what is actually being taught to the kids. There seem to be no structure to current social studies curriculum at all.	11/1/2016 4:25 PM
107	It would be wonderful to utilize the wonderful technology we already have in the classroom to visit other places, talk about traditions, culture and community.	11/1/2016 4:24 PM
108	Would like to know what the purpose of social studies curriculum and how it integrates with the rest of the curriculum. would also like for social studies be more hands on, experiential.	11/1/2016 4:21 PM
109	Please make it more meaningful and fun alsong with some projects kids cna work on	11/1/2016 4:16 PM
110	I think it is a great idea	11/1/2016 4:16 PM
111	What are the highest standards/curricula for elementary social studies in the US versus the average and what is ISD aiming to achieve?	11/1/2016 4:13 PM
112	At times, students in a grade should be divided by ability and rotated to different classrooms for social studies instruction. This would allow for the students new to a topic to get the basic lesson, and other students who are already familiar with the basics to get an enriched version, or even expand to other social studies topics. Pre-testing before each unit would be useful. Also, we LOVE the 4th grade field trips to the Capitol and to JA Biztown! Those are so educational for the students!	11/1/2016 4:12 PM
113	Why has this come up for discussion.	11/1/2016 4:11 PM
114	Keep it simple. History alive is great!	11/1/2016 4:09 PM
115	I think adding a breadth of information would be detrimental. Memorizing lots of facts in elementary seems a waste of time. Gaining an understanding of a couple of subjects in depth has worked very will for my child.	11/1/2016 4:05 PM
116	B	11/1/2016 4:04 PM
117	Please include history and geography that covers not only Americas but also other parts of the world like Asian, European, Middle East etc.	11/1/2016 4:04 PM
119	Ensure diversity	11/1/2016 3:59 PM
120	Our elementary school seems to focus 99% on math and reading. Social studies seems to be an afterthought, which is unfortunate. My children have a passion for and a curiosity about their world and could be doing SO much more in social studies.	11/1/2016 3:58 PM
121	Kids at this age love to learn. If the concepts can be turned into cool projects they will retain the information for a lifetime.	11/1/2016 3:55 PM
122	this is great! love to see this get more attention and time in the classroom.	11/1/2016 3:52 PM
123	Break out of the box and don't be boring. Kids lock on to interactivity, gamification, personal and group performances, online scavenger hunts (desktop and mobile)/geocaching (outdoors) and live experiences. Thanks for including us in the process!	11/1/2016 3:52 PM
124	My daughter loves our social studies units and as a parent I do too.	11/1/2016 3:51 PM
125	Please ensure a diverse set of input sources and consult new paradigms for how to address social studies with diverse student groups and considering the truth about slavery, Native Americans and other atrocities associated with the American experience rather than folklore about pilgrims, etc. Also, highlight all Americans contributions and not reserve black history to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the month of February, for example.	11/1/2016 3:50 PM
126	A agenda is very much needed for parents.	11/1/2016 3:47 PM
127	Need good communication with parents about curriculum. We always hear about math and reading but not what they are doing in science and social studies.	11/1/2016 3:46 PM
128	Please adopt and expand our valuable Social Studies education!	11/1/2016 3:46 PM
129	This so important social studies, this area helps a lot to develop the critical sence of our children	11/1/2016 3:46 PM
130	Include hands-on artifacts and experiences.	11/1/2016 3:45 PM
131	Please continue to integrate the imagination, role playing and historical importance when teaching geography and social studies	11/1/2016 3:44 PM

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132	Hands on approaches are often best. One of my favorite activities from the current SS curriculum is the explorer project done in 5th grade. It taught about the world but also had a large project component and a research component to ready for middle school.	11/1/2016 3:43 PM
133	N/A	11/1/2016 3:43 PM
134	We are new to the area - moved from Canada in sept. So cannot comment too much at this time	11/1/2016 3:42 PM
135	When is the new curriculum taking place?	11/1/2016 3:42 PM
136	Thank you for continuing to review and update curriculum!	11/1/2016 3:42 PM
137	As a parent, I want to understand the status and methodology of the selection process of the curriculum.	11/1/2016 3:40 PM
138	Please just keep asking the parents before any drastic changes. It definitely helps to feel like we have a say in these matters...	11/1/2016 3:38 PM
139	Avoid pushing a political agenda.	11/1/2016 3:35 PM