

Course Name: African American Studies	
Department: Social Studies	Grade Level(s): 10,11,12 / Elective
Duration/Credits: 1 sem / .5 credit	Prerequisites: none
BOE Approval Date:	Course Code: H1240
Course Description:	
<p>African-American studies is an elective social studies course that begins in Pre-Colonial Africa and briefly reviews the history of African civilizations. The course then follows the forced migration of African peoples into the Americas. The student will research and discuss the African-American political, cultural, and personal experience from slavery through the Civil War, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights movement, as well as looking at local issues in St. Louis from Dred Scott to housing segregation to Ferguson. The student will also analyze the many contributions of African-Americans to our country with emphasis on the exploration of black culture through music and art.</p>	
Course Rationale:	
<p>Many Americans lack an understanding of the rich and varied history of the African-American experience and how that history continues to impact contemporary America.</p>	
Course Objectives:	
<p>The student will read and analyze primary and secondary sources to understand the various experiences of Africans and African-Americans through different time periods. (A+ Reading)</p> <p>The student will research and evaluate the impact of African-American contributions to American culture and history. (A+ Research)</p> <p>The student will discuss the history of contemporary racial issues through class inquiry and discussion. (A+ Speaking and Listening)</p> <p>The student will write about historical and contemporary issues related to race in St. Louis. (A+ Writing)</p>	