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**Statement of Purpose**

The state of Ohio has adapted the Ohio Revised Standards in Social Studies to get students in kindergarten to grade 12 ready for careers. These standards will be fully used in the classrooms by 2014-2015 school year. The state of Ohio wants schools to start implementing the college and career ready standards in Ohio now to better prepare for 2014-2015 and beyond.

Ohio’s Social Studies Standards incorporate history, geography, government, and economics in order to prepare students to be participating citizens of society. The goals of the Social Studies Curriculum include: helping students develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for themselves and for the common good; prepare students for their roles as citizens and decision makers in a diverse, demographic society; enable students to learn about significant people, places, events and issues in the past in order to understand the present and foster students’ ability to act responsibly and become successful problem solvers in an independent world of limited resources.

The purpose of history in the content standards it to get students thinking historically, with have a clear sense of time- past, present, and future- and become more precise as students’ progress. Historical thinking includes skills such as locating, researching, analyzing and interpreting primary and secondary sources so students can begin to understand the relationships among events and draw conclusions.

**Reference**

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