



## **I. Key Message**

Social studies provides opportunities for students to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge that will enable them to become engaged, active, informed and responsible citizens. Recognition and respect for individual and collective identity is essential in a pluralistic and democratic society. Social studies helps students develop their sense of self and community, encouraging them to affirm their place as citizens in an inclusive, democratic society.

### **Classroom Expectations:**

Expectations will be outlined by Mr. Walters in class.

## **II. Course Overview**

Welcome to the Grade 7 Social Studies program. This program has been designed to allow you to learn and explore Canada's deep history through many different perspectives which can be found within Canada. The focus of grade 7 social studies is to provide students with a foundational understanding of various social, cultural, and historical concepts prevalent in Canada.

## **III. Scope and Sequence**

This course will be divided into Three units:

**Unit 1:** Diverse Peoples

**Unit 2:** Towards Confederation

**Unit 3:** After Confederation

Course Evaluation:

**Course Work: 80%**

**Final Exam: 20%**

Unit 1: 25% (Summative: Assignments, Projects, Tests)

Unit 2: 30% (Summative: Assignments, Projects, Tests)

Unit 3: 25% (Summative: Assignments, Projects, Tests)

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Unit 1 Diverse Peoples</b>	<b>September to December</b>
<b>Unit 2 Towards Confederation</b>	<b>January to March</b>
<b>Unit 3 After Confederation</b>	<b>May to June</b>

#### **IV. Teaching Methodology**

Throughout the year students will be taught using a variety of different instructional methods and strategies including but not limited to: direct teaching, cooperative learning, independent learning, brainstorming, small and large group discussions, inquiry based learning, reflections to literature, source analysis and the incorporation of technological devices.

#### **V. Assessment**

A variety of assessment practices will be utilized in this course.

Descriptive feedback will be given to you in a timely manner so that you can be sufficiently assessed on your achievement of the outcomes as outlined in the Program of Studies. I will post your marks on Power School throughout the semester, please check your marks on a regular basis to track your progress.

Please refer to the [Alberta Education Social Studies Program of Study](#) (Grades 7-12) for references to the curriculum.