It is essential that all students acquire and develop content knowledge and skills as specified in the state science, arts, social studies standards. The district will develop a curriculum to present learning opportunities to students so such skills and knowledge may be acquired.

Informed citizen participation in public life is essential to the health of our democratic system. A variety of experiences (including those using interdisciplinary approaches) in the social sciences of economics, sociology, psychology, geography, political science, anthropology, and history enables students to function effectively and contribute constructively within society. These experiences must include both learning about and using the tools of the social sciences. An effective social studies program must prepare young people to live, work, compete, and solve problems in our increasingly diverse nation and interdependent world.

The social studies program will provide the opportunity for each student to acquire the knowledge of content and concepts, develop critical thinking and processing skills, and adopt values necessary for responsible social, political, and economic participation in a diverse, interdependent, and changing world.

The content and skills will be those required by the South Carolina Social Studies Academic Standards. The curriculum will include instruction on the founding principles that shaped the United States, including, at a minimum, the Federalist Papers, the structure of government, the role of the separation of powers, and the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. The curriculum will address kindergarten through twelfth grade.

**Constitution and Citizenship Day**

In accordance with federal law, the district will offer educational opportunities each year on September 17 to commemorate the September 17, 1787, signing of the United States Constitution (if this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day will be held the preceding or following week). The superintendent or his/her designee will establish guidelines ensuring that the district observes Constitution Day in a manner befitting the importance of the event in the history of the United States of America.

Richland County School District Two
Veteran's Day

All schools in the district will provide one hour of class time or assembly time to honor veterans and to study the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. This hour of study will be on November 11, Veteran's Day, or on the school day immediately preceding November 11 if schools are closed on Veteran's Day.

Schools may allow students to attend activities to honor veterans on this day as part of the instructional day. Parents/Legal guardians may request in writing that their child be excused from participation in such events.

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Legal References:

Federal Law:


S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

Section 59-25-155 - South Carolina Founding Principles Act.

Section 59-29-55 - Instruction on Black history.

Section 59-29-120 - Instruction required; attendance at Veteran activities.

Section 59-29-165 - Instruction in personal finance.

Sections 59-29-410 through 430 - Financial literacy instruction.

Sections 59-29-440 through 570 - South Carolina Financial Literacy Initiative.

State Board of Education Regulations:

R-43-231 - Defined program, grades K-5.

R-43-232 - Defined program, grades 6-8.

R-43-234 - Defined program, grades 9-12.