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Superintendent Update: Social Studies Graduation Requirements (HB 27)

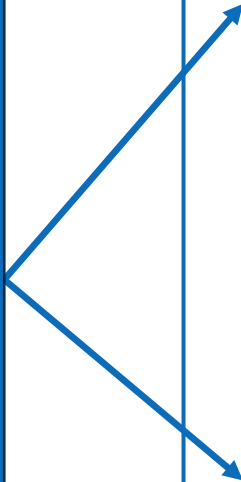
HB 27

For students entering Grade 9 in 2026–2027:

- Changes social studies graduation requirements by replacing the one-half credit economics **requirement** with a one-half credit personal financial literacy requirement.
- Adds a one-credit economics **option** to the existing choice between world geography or world history.

To align with HB 27, the SBOE adopted amendments to the Foundation HSP that establish two sets of social studies graduation requirements:

- one set for students **entering Grade 9 in the 2026–2027 school year or later**, and
- one set for students who entered Grade 9 **before the 2026–2027 school year**.

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- (4) Social studies--three credits.
- (A) One credit must consist of §113.41 of this title (relating to United States History Studies Since 1877 (One Credit), Adopted 2022) until superseded by §113.24 of this title (relating to United States History Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2026).
- (B) One-half credit must consist of United States Government.
- (C) **Beginning with students who enter Grade 9 in the 2026-2027 school year or later:**
- (i) one-half credit must be selected from the following:
- (I) §113.49 of this title (relating to Personal Financial Literacy (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2016) until superseded by §113.26 of this title (relating to Applied Personal Financial Literacy (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2026); or
- (II) §113.76 of this title (relating to Personal Financial Literacy and Economics) until §113.26 of this title is implemented; and
- (ii) one credit must be selected from the following:
- (I) World History Studies;
- (II) World Geography Studies; or
- (III) Foundations of Economics.
- (D) **For students who entered Grade 9 prior to the 2026-2027 school year:**
- (i) one-half credit must be selected from the following:
- (I) Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits; or
- (II) Personal Financial Literacy/Economics; and
- (ii) one credit must be selected from the following:
- (I) World History Studies; or
- (II) World Geography Studies.

Courses that Satisfy HB 27 Requirements

The SBOE recently adopted new high school social studies TEKS that will satisfy HB 27 requirements once they are implemented. Until that time, students entering grade 9 in 2026-27 and thereafter can satisfy the new requirements with existing TEKS-based courses.

Existing TEKS-based courses that satisfy HB 27 requirements

Personal financial literacy, ½ credit

Personal Financial Literacy

Personal Financial Literacy and Economics

Economics, 1 credit (optional)

State-approved AP or IB economics course

Dual-credit economics course

New high school social studies TEKS that will satisfy HB 27 requirement

Personal financial literacy, ½ credit

NEW: Applied Personal Financial Literacy
(available in 2028-29)

Economics, 1 credit (optional)

NEW: Foundation of Economics (available in 2033-34)

Examples of High School Course Sequences for Two Cohorts

Students entering Gr 9 prior to 2026-27

- 9: World History –or–
World Geography
- 10: <no social studies>
- 11: U.S. History
- 12: U.S. Government (1/2 credit) +
Economics with Emphasis on the Free
Enterprise System and Its Benefits –or–
Economics/PFL (1/2 credit)

Students entering Gr 9 2026-27 – This Year

- 9/10: World History –or–
World Geography –or–
AP Microeconomics (1/2 credit) +
AP Macroeconomics (1/2 credit)
- 11: U.S. History
- 12: U.S. Government (1/2 credit) +
Current PFL (1/2 credit) –or–
Current Economics/PFL

– Future School Years

- 9/10: World History –or–
World Geography –or–
NEW: Foundations of Economics (**available 2033-34**)
- 11: U.S. History Studies
- 12: U.S. Government (1/2 credit) +
NEW: Applied PFL (1/2 credit) (**available 2028-29**)

Currently, districts are required to offer the following social studies courses:

- United States History Studies Since 1877
- World History Studies
- World Geography Studies
- United States Government
- Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits
- Personal Financial Literacy
- Personal Financial Literacy and Economics

In the future, the SBOE will need to update the list of courses districts are required to offer and will likely include:

- **NEW** Applied Personal Financial Literacy
- **NEW** Foundations of Economics