

Stand.	Benchmark
1	Citizenship, Government, and Democracy
SS8.1.1	Explain the rights, duties, and responsibilities of a United States citizen.
SS8.1.2	Explain how to participate in the political process.
SS8.1.3	Explain the historical development of the United States Constitution and treaties and how they have shaped the United States and Wyoming Governments.
SS8.1.4	Understand the difference between the United States civil and criminal legal systems.
SS8.1.5	Describe the structures of the United States and Wyoming Constitutions (e.g., Articles, Bill of Rights, amendments).
SS8.1.6	Understand the basic structures of various political systems (e.g., tribal, local, national, and world).
2	Culture and Cultural Diversity
SS8.2.1	Compare and contrast the ways various groups (e.g., cliques, clubs, ethnic communities, and American Indian tribes) meet human needs and concerns (e.g., self-esteem, friendship, and heritage) and contribute to identity, situations, and events.
SS8.2.2	Examine and evaluate how human expression (e.g., language, literature, arts, architecture, traditions, beliefs, and spirituality) contributes to the development and transmission of culture.
SS8.2.3	Compare and contrast the unique cultural characteristics of various groups within Wyoming and the nation.
SS8.2.4	Explain the cultural contributions of and tensions between groups in Wyoming, the United States, and the World (e.g., racial, ethnic, social and institutional).
3	Production, Distribution, and Consumption
SS8.3.1	Identify and apply basic economic concepts (e.g., supply, demand, production, exchange and consumption, labor, wages, scarcity, prices, incentives, competition, and profits).
SS8.3.2	Compare and contrast how people organize for the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services in various economic systems (e.g., characteristics of market, command, and mixed economies).
SS8.3.3	Describe the impact of technological advancements on production, distribution, and consumption. (e.g., businesses and/or corporations in the United States and the world).
SS8.3.4	Explain or illustrate how money is used by individuals, groups, and financial institutions.

SS8.3.5	Describe how values and beliefs influence individual, family, and business decisions (microeconomics).
4	Time, Continuity, and Change
SS8.4.1	Describe how historical events impact the future (cause and effect) and how change spreads to other places (e.g., spread of industrial revolution or causes of the Civil War).
SS8.4.2	Describe how tools and technology in different historical periods impacted the way people lived, made decisions, and saw the world.
SS8.4.3	Analyze the way people and/or groups react to current events; suggest alternative ways such events may have played out.
SS8.4.4	Identify historical interactions between and among individuals, groups, and/or institutions (e.g., family, neighborhood, political, economic, religious, social, cultural, and workplace).
SS8.4.5	Identify relevant primary and secondary sources for research. Compare and contrast treatment of the same topic in several primary and secondary sources.
5	People, Places, and Environments
SS8.5.1	Use and create models of the Earth to analyze the interactions of physical and human systems to demonstrate global interconnectedness.
SS8.5.2	Analyze and evaluate how physical changes influenced historical events and participate in collaborative problem-solving and decision-making in the selection of professional and personal choices.
SS8.5.3	Explain how communities' current and past demographics, migrations, and settlement patterns influence place (e.g., culture, needs, and political and economic systems) and use this analysis to predict future settlement patterns.
SS8.5.4	Analyze the changes to and consequences of human, natural, and technological impacts on the physical environment.
6	Technology, Literacy, and Global Connections
SS8.6.1	Use and evaluate multiple sources of information in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.
SS8.6.2	Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
SS8.6.3	Use digital tools to research, design, and present social studies concepts (e.g., understand how individual responsibility applies in usage of digital media). https://www.iste.org/standards/nets-for-students
SS8.6.4	Use accurate, sufficient, and relevant information from primary and secondary sources to support writing.