

Florida FAQs

Why did you change the curriculum?

Our goal is to give you the best curriculum possible, so we updated the curriculum to align fully with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Social Studies. The 2022 Social Studies Curriculum is completely updated to the revised Civics and Government standards and the Florida state assessment standards. The new materials also meet the cross-curricular integration of Florida's BEST standards for ELA, ELD, Health and Math.

How is the new curriculum different from what I had before?

It's ALL new, including new student editions, teacher editions, and videos. These materials also pair with a brand new online learning platform that's easy to navigate and provides equitable access to grade-level content.

All publications align with the revised Civics and Government standards and Florida state assessment standards with a focus on progress monitoring. They also meet the cross-curricular integration of Florida's BEST standards for ELA, ELD, Health and Math.

The new curriculum celebrates all voices and experiences from Florida history and includes cultural videos highlighting how different groups have contributed to the state's heritage.

Social Studies 5th grade strictly follows the Holocaust education standards and carefully brings students safely in and out of this difficult topic.

I have lesson plans and activities already that fit with the old curriculum. How much work will I need to do to start using the new publications?

As with any new curriculum, you will need to make some changes. Some lessons you'll be able to use; others you'll need to adjust or will no longer fit. The new curriculum includes assessments, lesson plans, graphic organizers, and videos tied to the content so you have materials readily available to make using the new curriculum easier.

Does it have Critical Race Theory (CRT) in it?

Our curriculum does NOT include Critical Race Theory. We do NOT take a stance on what should or should not be included in your curriculum. We leave that up to your Department of Education.

Does it have SEL in it?

There are NO SEL lessons in these publications. The teacher edition has questions teachers can use to address student health, but there are no lesson plans around SEL.

What is your political agenda as you build your curriculum?

Studies Weekly has no political agenda. We tightly align our curriculum to your state's standards so that you teach social studies your way. We stick to the facts by building our publications around primary sources so teachers and students can analyze them and come up with their own conclusions.