Customized Learning

We prepare students by:

- offering over 17 Social Science courses (including AP and Honors courses and online and traditional electives)
- hosting an annual student collaborative competition that promotes problem solving, nation building, and negotiation
- providing a significant focus on research and writing in the social sciences based on the use of primary sources
- creating a cross-curricular senior research based simulation and project/presentation
- utilizing online learning systems to prepare students for the college experience
- encouraging students to research graduate level topics of interest and complete projects of their choice
- including critical thinking, collaboration, negotiation, problem-solving skills, and debate techniques in our curriculum
- self-paced learning
- Psychology Experiment

Beyond ...

The Learning Environment

Continuing partnership with the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh

100% department membership in the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies

Open enrollment for AP courses

Faculty is recognized regionally and nationally for scholarship and excellence through fellowships, museums, national conferences, scholarships, and consultants to national textbook publishers



The mission of the Riverview School District is to provide an excellent education within the framework of a small, diverse community. We emphasize high quality academic and vocational programs in an environment which sets high expectations for all students, promotes personal growth and fosters the development of responsible and productive citizens.

A non-traditional public school district offering small student to teacher ratios, individualized learning, and a 21st century education through:

- Personal Attention
- Small Class Sizes
- Caring Educators
- Interdisciplinary Learning Opportunities K-12
- A Wide Variety of Award Winning Extracurricular Activities

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Riverview School District

Embracing Each Student's Potential

Riverview Social Studies

The Social Studies Department at Riverview High School regularly invites students to challenge themselves. We intentionally place students in situations where they can become social scientists by challenging their minds, reviewing facts, analyzing primary resources, and creating graduate level projects to promote citizenship and consider global issues.

Courses Offered

The Social Studies Department offers a minimum of 17 courses annually. The curriculum includes the required courses as well as many electives. Each of the courses requires a rigor found in higher-level courses, completion of significant research and an expectation of college and graduate-level work.

Requirements (Grade)	Electives
Cultural Geography (7)	AP World History (12)
Ancient World Studies (8)	Holocaust Studies
Modern World Studies (9) with Honors option	Special Topics in Social Studies
Early American History (10) with pre-AP option	Psychology
Recent American History (11) with AP option	Sociology
Economics (12)	International Relations
Civics (12)	

Extra-Curriculars

The Social Studies Department at Riverview sponsors many extra-curricular activities. Students enrolled in social studies courses have regular opportunities to attend World Affairs Council programs and connect with speakers and students in other districts through webinars and conferences.

Students in the eighth grade have an opportunity to be selected to compete for the annual American Legion Award. This competition requires students to choose an influential figure who meets the qualities of a true American Hero and write a speech explaining their connection to the ideals of the award.

Upon entering ninth grade, students can join the Riverview History Club. This club is the main sponsor for the National History Day team and Model United Nations team. Students on this team have earned national recognition at national competitions and Model United Nations Conferences at esteemed universities such as Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and Johns Hopkins.





- Three Social Studies students have been awarded the Global Travel Scholarship in the past eight years.
- We have had five Social Studies students reach the National History Day National Finals in Washington, DC.
- The Model United Nations Team has won 56 total awards, 44 of them in the past four years!
- The Riverview Senior Economics classes earned first place recognition in the Stock Market Competition Allegheny County in the Fall of 2012.
- All educators in the Social Studies Department have Masters Degrees or higher.
- Two educators in the Social Studies Department are past Board Members for the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies and one served as Executive Secretary for six years.
- The Social Studies Department sponsors the American Legion Award given annually to two eighth grade students.
- Three Social Studies Students were selected to serve as student reporters for the One Young World youth summit that was held in Pittsburgh October 2012.



