Glen Ridge Board of Education
Social Studies
AP Research
Elective
Full Year

New Jersey Student Learning Standards

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Social Studies Mission Statement:

The mission of Social Studies in the Glen Ridge schools is to ignite students’ passion to become responsible, productive, and active citizens within a democratic society. The Social Studies curriculum will develop the students’ understanding of themselves and their environment, encompassing an awareness of the United States as part of a global society. The curriculum stresses an educational environment which teaches respect for cultural, political, gender, racial and ethnic diversity. Authentic learning opportunities will empower students with critical thinking, problem-solving, thoughtful decision-making, communication, and leadership skills. Students will study historical, geographical, social, political and economic issues that shape the world. The Social Studies program will provide students with the knowledge and understanding of the past which is essential for successfully navigating the present and future.

Course Description:

AP Research, the second course in the AP Capstone experience, allows students to deeply explore an academic topic, problem, issue, or idea of individual interest. Students design, plan, and implement a yearlong investigation to address a research question. Through this inquiry, they further the skills they acquired in the AP Seminar course by learning research methodology, employing ethical research practices, and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information. Students reflect on their skill development, document their processes, and curate the artifacts of their scholarly work through a process and reflection portfolio. The course culminates in an academic paper of 4,000–5,000 words (accompanied by a performance, exhibit, or product where applicable) and a presentation with an oral defense.

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**Time Allotted (days of instruction): 4 weeks**

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  ○ Presentations on summer research  
  ○ Assessment Overview; evaluation of sample papers  
  ○ Outline teaching policies |
| What are the essential skills for proficiency in this course? | Students will be able to evaluate the relevance and credibility of the source of information and data in relation to the inquiry. | Developing a Research Question  
  ○ Identify expert advisor; review roles  
  ○ Refine research question through peer review process |
| What are the findings of our summer research? | | Collecting Sources  
  ○ Review plagiarism policies for GRHS and College Board  
  ○ Apply credibility test to various sources of information  
  ○ Begin building annotated bibliography |
| What do I want to know, learn, or understand? | | Research Ethics  
  ○ Explore controversial research experiments and discuss the importance of ethical research practices |
| What questions have yet to be asked? | | |

Resources/Materials

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● Annotated Bibliography I: Topic of Inquiry Background  
● Peer Review of Research Questions | ● Summer Presentations work as both formative and summative, as they are a grade unto themselves, and they serve to develop practices assessed through the AP assessments. | ● Summer Assignments are introduced on move-up day and benchmarked using Classroom over the summer.  
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<td>● Annotated Bibliography</td>
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<td>How does my research question shape how I go about trying to answer it? How does my project goal shape the research or inquiry I engage in to achieve it? What information/evidence do I need to answer my research question?</td>
<td>- Students will be able to design, plan, and implement a scholarly inquiry. - Students will be able to recognize and employ ethical research practices.</td>
<td>- Research Methods and Design - students will review various research methods and discuss how to design a method that will align with their research question - Method Element ○ Examine and evaluate Methods sections in sample papers ○ Begin designing research plan - Research proposal presentation - Composition of research method and instruments (if approved by IRB)</td>
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- Students will be able to provide insightful and cogent commentary that links evidence with claims.  
- Students will be able to extend an idea, question, process, or product to innovate or create new understandings.  
- Students will be able to offer resolutions, conclusions, and/or solutions based on evidence considering limitations and implications. | - Quantitative/Qualitative Data  
- Students will examine how quantitative and qualitative data is used in sample research papers and discuss how they might incorporate similar techniques in their own papers.  
- Raw Data Work and Cohort Conferencing  
- Students will analyze the data collected through their selected inquiry method and prepare to incorporate it in their academic paper.  
- Students will have opportunities to meet with peers to review and reflect on their data.  
- Establishing Final Elements of Academic Paper  
- Students will review the Discussion and Conclusion sections of sample research papers and identify common elements in |
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### AP Research

**Unit 5: Final Composition of Academic Paper**

**Time Allotted (days of instruction): 6 weeks**

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### Essential Questions

- How can I best appeal to and engage my audience?
- How might I adapt my written and oral

### Student Learning Objectives

- Students will adhere to established conventions of grammar, usage, style, and mechanics.

### Activities

- Peer revision of Academic Paper; draft submitted to turnitin.com
- Students will submit a hard copy of their final draft to
presentations for different audiences and situations?
- How might my communication choices affect my credibility with my audience?
- What revision strategies are most appropriate to developing and refining my project at different stages?
- How do I provide feedback that is valuable to others? How do I act upon feedback I have received?
- How can I benefit from reflecting on my own work?

Students will be able to adapt an argument for context, purpose, and/or audience.
- Students will be able to defend their inquiry choices and final product with clarity, consistency, and conviction.
- Students will be able to reflect on and revise their own writing, thinking, and creative processes.
- Students will reflect on the larger significance of engaging in the overall inquiry process and producing a completed scholarly work.

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**Unit 6: Oral Presentations**

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<td>How might I adapt my written and oral presentations for different audiences and situations?</td>
<td>Students will be able to communicate information through appropriate media using effective techniques of design.</td>
<td>Review effective components of multimedia presentations from the AP Seminar course. After designing the multimedia format, students prepare a script outline and practice delivering the presentation via self-recording.</td>
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<td>What revision strategies are most appropriate to developing and refining my project at different stages?</td>
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<td>How do I provide feedback that is valuable to others? How do I act upon feedback I have received?</td>
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