Arizona History & Social Science Standards

Notable Shifts

Skill complexity increases from grade to grade

Grade Band Focus

Each grade-band focuses on embedded inquiry-based learning and critical thinking

Focus progresses from individual students to worldwide view with each grade

Grade level standards written to support Anchor Standards

Overall Shifts

US & World History standards combined into 1 strand

Personal Finance taught in K-12

AZ Studies moves from 4th grade to 3rd grade

Colonial content moves from 5th grade to 4th grade

Contemporary Global Studies added to 7th grade

Civic Engagement & Government emphasized more in 8th grade

1500 CE

HS World History emphasizes 1500 CE – Present

Grade Level Shifts