“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”
Anthony J. D’Angelo
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Mission Statement

We commit to inspiring and empowering all students in Randolph schools to reach their full potential as unique, responsible and educated members of a global society.

Randolph Township School District
Affirmative Action Statement

Equality and Equity in Curriculum

The Randolph Township School district ensures that the district’s curriculum and instruction are aligned to the state’s standards. The curriculum provides equity in instruction, educational programs and provides all students the opportunity to interact positively with others regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or socioeconomic status.

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(b): Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973; N.J.S.A. 10:5; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972
The statements represent the beliefs and values regarding our educational system. Education is the key to self-actualization, which is realized through achievement and self-respect. We believe our entire system must not only represent these values, but also demonstrate them in all that we do as a school system.

We believe:

• The needs of the child come first
• Mutual respect and trust are the cornerstones of a learning community
• The learning community consists of students, educators, parents, administrators, educational support personnel, the community and Board of Education members
• A successful learning community communicates honestly and openly in a non-threatening environment
• Members of our learning community have different needs at different times. There is openness to the challenge of meeting those needs in professional and supportive ways
• Assessment of professionals (i.e., educators, administrators and educational support personnel) is a dynamic process that requires review and revision based on evolving research, practices and experiences
• Development of desired capabilities comes in stages and is achieved through hard work, reflection and ongoing growth
Randolph Township School District
Randolph Elementary Schools
Social Studies ~ Grade 2

Introduction

The grade two social studies curriculum will provide students with access to an academically rigorous environment designed to produce active, critical thinkers and civically competent participants in society. The major focus in this grade level is for students to understand the critical role they have as responsible and productive members of a diverse community, while investigating the people of Randolph and its rich history that has brought strength to our township. Students will engage in authentic lessons and activities, as well as collaborate with students across the district to build a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures in our community.

The core of the curriculum has been developed in compliance with the New Jersey State Learning Standards for Social Studies and the New Jersey mandate for Holocaust Education.
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RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Social Studies ~ Grade 2  
UNIT I: Community: What Makes a Community Work?

**TRANSFER:** Contribute to the community as productive and respectful members.

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6.3.4.D.1 Identify actions that are unfair or discriminatory, such as bullying, and propose solutions to address such actions. | Responsible citizens contribute to the success of a community. | • What is a community?  
• How do responsible citizens contribute to a successful community? |
| **ELA**  
RL.2.1 RL.2.5 RL.2.7 W.2.3 W.2.5 | Diversity within a community is influenced by the contributions of the different community members. | • What makes a community function successfully?  
• How can diversity influence a community? |
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**ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

**KNOWLEDGE**

**SKILLS**

**Students will know:**

**Personal goals help us to grow and become contributing members of a community.**

**Articulate and develop personal goals.**

**A community is a group of people who live and/or work together in the same place.**

**Identify various types of communities (i.e., school, home, sports team, religious group, etc.).**

**Students will be able to:**

**Brainstorm and share ideas to grow personal hopes and dreams.**

**Determine the roles members have and how they contribute to their communities.**
| Responsible citizens exhibit certain traits. | Identify and infer the positive character traits of responsible citizens. |  
| Patriotism is a feeling of pride people have for their country and community. | Explain ways to demonstrate these positive traits in the classroom. |  
| Different communities have their own rules to ensure the safety of its members. | Demonstrate patriotism and citizenship through the humanities. |  
| A person's role can differ in various communities. | Categorize a list of classroom rules and develop a classroom management plan to protect students' rights and safety. |  
| There are three main types of communities. | Compare and contrast rules in school, at home and in our community. |  
|  | Demonstrate the importance of rules and the need to follow them. |  
|  | Explain how rules protect the rights of people, help resolve conflict, and promote common good. |  
|  | Describe the different roles people have as citizens in their families, school and community. |  
|  | Compare the roles and responsibilities you or a family member has and how they change between one's different communities. |  
|  | Differentiate the characteristics of rural, urban and suburban communities. |
| KEY TERMS: |
| community, citizen, contributions, rules, patriotism |

**ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE:** Students will show their learning by:
- Demonstrating how to be a productive and respectful community member (i.e., role-play, poster, positive peer shout-outs, etc.)
- Determining what makes a good rule or law and apply this understanding to rules and laws in your school or community (e.g., bike helmet, recycling).

**KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:**
- Identify individual interests, strengths, and personal goals (i.e., All About Me activity, Hopes and Dreams illustration, etc.)
- Determine traits of a positive classmate/classroom
- Generate classroom rules and develop a classroom management plan
- Identify different types of communities (i.e., school, home, sports team, religious group, club, etc.). rural, urban, suburban?
- Compare and contrast rules at home, school, and in the community
- Differentiate roles and responsibilities of family members and community members
- Identify the contributions of different community members through their diverse roles (i.e., pitcher vs. catcher, teacher vs. custodian, farmer vs. banker, etc.)
- Define, describe and illustrate suburban, rural, and urban communities
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| 4 Weeks                  | UNIT I: Community: What Makes a Community Work? | **Suggested Resources**  
**Read Alouds:**  
*Being a Good Citizen: A Book About Citizenship* by Mary Small  
*The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz  
*Whose Hands Are These?: A Community Helper Guessing Book* by Miranda Paul  
**Technology Resources:**  
Brainpop, Jr. - Rural, Suburban and Urban  
[https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/communities/ruralsuburbanandurban/](https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/communities/ruralsuburbanandurban/)  
Safari Montage - Unity in the Community  
Brainpop Jr – Community in our School  
[https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/communities/school/](https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/communities/school/)  
Youtube – What is means to be a community member  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyt9Db7wyA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyt9Db7wyA)  
Teacher Pay Teachers – Writing about Responsible citizen  
[https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Being-a-Responsible-Citizen-1395370](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Being-a-Responsible-Citizen-1395370) |
### TRANSFER: Evaluate the identity and contributions of individual community members to analyze their impact on the whole community.

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### ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

| The local government makes and enforces laws to ensure equality and safety for all people. |
| Local communities possess many businesses, which provide economic opportunities for its citizens. |

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How does Randolph’s government help our town operate?
- How do citizens provide a voice in the decisions of the community?
- What makes Randolph a town where people want to live?

### KNOWLEDGE

| Students will know: The local government makes and enforces laws to ensure equality and safety for all people. |
| A community is led by a local government and each position has a specific function. |

### SKILLS

| Students will be able to: Distinguish the basic differences between local, state, and national governments. |
| Explain how the three branches of government influence rules and law making. |
| Understand the basic organization of local government. |
| Describe ways that American citizens can participate in community and political life. |
| Research current town leaders (i.e., mayor, town administrator). |
### ELA
- RL.2.1
- RL.2.3
- RL.2.5
- RL.2.6
- RL.2.7
- W.2.1
- W.2.5
- W.2.6
- W.2.8

### MATH
- 2.MD.D.10
- 2.MD.C.7

### TECHNOLOGY
- 8.1.2.A.1
- 8.1.2.A.2
- 8.1.2.A.4

**Rules and laws are developed to protect the rights and safety of the people in a community.**

Needs are things that people must have to survive. Wants are things people would like to have.

A person’s needs and wants differ depending on the community they are a part of.

**Articulate the various roles of our town leaders.**

**Demonstrate a deeper understanding of one town leader and the importance of their role in our community.**

**Differentiate a rule vs. a law.**

**Brainstorm and research common laws in Randolph.**

**Propose and debate a new law for the community that will help to correct a problem.**

**Categorize needs and wants.**

**Compare the needs and wants of members in different communities (i.e., needs in a rural community vs. needs in an urban community, etc.).**

**Evaluate the reasons why needs and wants vary in different communities.**

**Distinguish between needs and wants and explain how scarcity and choice influence decisions made by individuals, communities, and nations.**

**Describe why it is important to understand the perspectives of other cultures in an**
Our community's economic system includes producers, consumers, goods and services. interlinked world. Identify the businesses, services, and organizations that reside in Randolph and how we utilize them.

**KEY TERMS:**
Local government, mayor, council, committee, producers, consumers, laws, goods, services

Distinguish ways in which businesses and organizations meet the needs and wants of consumers in the community (i.e., services or goods).

Discuss the availability of goods and services in different communities and how it impacts the community.

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<td>• Articulating a deeper understanding of at least one community leader by expressing appreciation for their service (i.e., diorama, poster, PowerPoint, letter, video, etc.).</td>
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<td>• Differentiate rules vs. laws and create a list of common rules and laws (i.e., rules in school and home vs laws in our community)</td>
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<td>• Invent a new law and debate its relevance in the community</td>
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<td>• Distinguish and determine the needs and wants of a community member</td>
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<td>• Tabulate and analyze information on how we consume or utilize products (i.e., class survey, graph, etc.)</td>
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<td>• Differentiate local organizations that provide a solution or a service to fulfill our needs and wants (i.e., government vs. business)</td>
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• Compare the needs, wants, and availability of services in rural, urban, and suburban communities (i.e., need for tractors in a rural community vs. need for public transportation in an urban community, availability of restaurants and shops in different communities, etc.)
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Read Alouds:
*Community Soup* by Alma Fullerton
*Goods and Services Around Town* by Heather Schwartz
*Government in Your City or Town* by Karen Kenney

Technology Resources:
Brainpop, Jr. - Local and State Governments
https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/government/localandstate
governments/
Brainpop, Jr. - Goods and Services
https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/economics/goodsandservices/
Safari Montage – Job of the Chief of Police
Safari Montage- Exploring Communities Alike and Different
Safari Montage – Exploring Communities’ Rules and Laws
**TRANSFER:** Analyze factors of an ideal environment for developing a community.

**STANDARDS / GOALS:**

| NJSL S 6.1.4.B.4 | Describe how landforms, climate and weather, and availability of resources have impacted where and how people live and work in different regions of New Jersey and the United States. |
| NJSL S 6.1.4.B.7 | Explain why some locations in New Jersey and the United States are more suited for settlement than others. |
| NJSL S 6.1.4.B.8 | Compare ways people choose to use and distribute natural resource. |
| NJSL S 6.1.4.C.9 | Compare and contrast how the availability of resources affects people across the world differently. |
| ELA RL.2.1 RL.2.2 RL.2.3 RL.2.5 RL.2.6 RL.2.7 RL.2.9 W.2.2 W.2.5 W.2.6 W.2.7 W.2.8 | |
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**ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

- The natural resources within a community will influence the people who settle in that area.
- Preserving our past provides insight and allegiance to the roots of our community.

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

- Why did people settle in Randolph?
- How does studying our past give us an appreciation for our community?

**KNOWLEDGE**

**Students will know:**

- The early settlers of Randolph were comprised of Lenape Indians, Quakers, miners, millers, and farmers.
- European colonization impacted Native American populations.

**SKILLS**

**Students will be able to:**

- Define the roles of Lenape Indians, Quakers, miners, millers, and farmers.
- Create a timeline of when the early settlers resided in Randolph.
- Justify why early settlers chose to live in Randolph.
- Determine the cause and effect of European colonization on Native American populations.
- Explain how various cultural groups have dealt with the conflict between maintaining traditional...
| People depend on the physical environment and its natural resources to satisfy basic needs, earn money, and perform daily activities. | beliefs and practices and adopting new beliefs and practices. |
| The way in which people utilize land has changed over time. | Identify specific natural resources native to Randolph long ago and the importance of each resource (i.e., iron ore, coal, soil, bodies of water, etc.). |
| Randolph is rich in history and influences our present day. | Compare and contrast the value of the different natural resources. |
| | Describe the impact that natural resources had on everyday life in Randolph long ago. |
| | Explore the causes of the shift in the way people use natural resources (i.e., lakes are used more for recreational purposes rather than fishing, etc.). |
| | Argue reasons one might choose to settle in Randolph today. |
| | Interpret the perspective of life long ago through various text or media outlets. |
| | Notice the differences of the past and present through media and/or field trips. |
| | Locate and examine the importance of historical landmarks in Randolph (i.e., Liberty Tree, Millbrook Schoolhouse, Friends Meeting House, etc.). |
### KEY TERMS:
Landmarks, natural resources, iron ore, coal, soil, Lenape Indians, Quakers, miners, millers, and farmers

### ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:
Designing a visual tool that teaches others about the early settlers of Randolph (i.e., map, PowerPoint, poster, etc.).

### KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:
- Research the early settlers of Randolph (i.e., Lenape Indians, Quakers, miners, millers and farmers)
- Compare and contrast the clothing, food, and shelter of different Native American tribes using a chart
- Discuss the diverse roles and contributions each group of settlers had in shaping Randolph (i.e., location of where they settled based on needed resources, miners vs. farmers, Lenape Indians vs. Quakers, etc.)
- Explore European colonization and the impact it had on Native American populations
- Determine characteristics of the Lenni Lenape culture and two ways the European colonization impacted the Native American populations
- Identify the importance of the natural resources in Randolph and how settlers utilized them
- Compare and contrast the use of natural resources long ago and today
- Explore Randolph’s history through various media (i.e., visit the Randolph Museum in person or research on their site, virtual field trip on Google Maps by showing historical landmarks within Randolph, etc.)
- Locate important historical landmarks on a map of Randolph

Demonstrate an understanding of the history of Randolph (i.e., design a resource for the school community, etc.).
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## TRANSFER:
Utilize tools and resources in gathering information about the world to inform decision making.

## STANDARDS / GOALS:

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## ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

| Geographic tools help us understand the world around us. |
| Geography impacts how communities develop. |

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Why do we use maps, globes, and other geographic symbols?
- How do landforms affect a community?

## KNOWLEDGE

**Students will know:**
Geography is the study of the earth and how people use it.

A globe is a spherical model of the earth.

A map is a representation of an area which contains important features.

## SKILLS

**Students will be able to:**
Define geography and engage in an inquiry as to the importance of locating places on earth.

Articulate that the earth is made of large bodies of land and water called continents and oceans.

Utilize a globe to identify the seven continents and five oceans.

Evaluate why the title, key and compass rose are important properties of a map.

Associate new words with words already known to grow an understanding of important vocabulary terms (i.e., the key is used to
| All maps have a specific purpose. |
| Maps are everchanging. |
| The Earth is made up of many different types of landforms and bodies of water. |
| People often settle in places that match their needs, thoughts, and opinions. |

"unlock" symbols, the title tells us what the map is showing just like a book title, etc.)

Create a map key that can be used to locate specific places or objects on the map.

Discuss the purpose of different types of maps, such as topographical, road, climate, etc.

Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps, and determine how the information may be useful.

Explain the way maps have evolved over time and are continuously updated.

Compare and contrast the map of a town long ago and what it looks like today (i.e., less woods, new streets, man-made lakes, etc.).

Locate landforms native to the United States on a map (i.e., desert, valley, river, plain, lake, island, hill and peninsula).

Identify the characteristics of different landforms and bodies of water.

Compare and contrast maps of communities that exist in New Jersey in relation to Randolph (i.e., Randolph has hills, farmlands, and lakes as compared to a beach town or other types of landforms found in various parts of NJ.)
**KEY TERMS:**
Geography, globe, continents, oceans, landforms, mountains, lakes, river, peninsula, island, valley

**ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE:** Students will show their learning by: Applying knowledge of geography to better understand the world (i.e., interpreting a map and sharing new learning, etc.).

**KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:**
- Introduce geography as a study of the Earth
- Examine and illustrate the differences in city, state, country, continent, and world (i.e., utilize Google Maps by zooming in and out, create a hierarchy flipbook, etc.)
- Identify the continents and oceans on a globe
- Discuss the evolution and accessibility of maps
- Examine important map features and vocabulary terms (i.e., key, compass rose, scale, etc.)
- Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps, and determine how the information may be useful
- Interpret a map to identify specific places and/or objects
- Explore and describe the characteristics of different landforms and bodies of water (i.e., mountains, valleys, plains, oceans, rivers, etc.)
- Compare and contrast maps of different communities
- Describe how landforms, climate and weather, and availability of resources have impacted where and how people live and work in different regions of New Jersey and the United States.
- Discuss how diverse thoughts and opinions influences where people settle and how they live (i.e., settling in different climates, need for certain resources, different professions, or different cultural influences, etc.)
### SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT

| UNIT IV: Geography: Where Is Our Place in the World? | 4 Weeks |

### CONTENT-UNIT OF STUDY

### SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES

**Suggested Resources**

**Read Alouds:**
- *Follow That Map: A First Book of Mapping Skills* by Scot Richie
- *Maps and Globes* by Jack Knowlton
- *Where Do I Live?* by Neil Chesanow

**Technology Resources:**
- Brainpop, Jr. - Reading Maps
  [https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/geography/readingmaps/](https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/geography/readingmaps/)
- Brainpop, Jr. - Landforms
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsqKTJtK_vw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsqKTJtK_vw)
- Youtube – Learn About Maps - Symbols, Map Key, Compass Rose
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RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Social Studies ~ Grade 2  
UNIT V: Culture and Diversity: How Well Do We Know Our Neighbors?

**TRANSFER:** Establish a deep understanding and acceptance of different cultures.

**STANDARDS / GOALS:**

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**ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

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| Different cultures add to the diversity of a community. | • How are people alike and different in our community?  
• Why is diversity in a community important? |
| Each culture within a community has unique strengths and perspectives which help shape our larger community. | • Why should we study other cultures and what does it teach us?  
• How does understanding other cultures help us to show tolerance? |

**KNOWLEDGE**

**Students will know:**

Individuals and families have unique characteristics.

Culture refers to a group or community that shares common experiences which shape the way its members understand the world.

Our classroom community continues to honor the customs and traditions of their family and ancestors.

**SKILLS**

**Students will be able to:**

Recognizing that people have different perspectives based on their beliefs, values, traditions, culture, and experiences.

Define culture and engage in an inquiry as to the importance of understanding different cultures.

Research and share the importance of one family holiday, custom, or tradition (i.e., using written, narrative or other media outlets, etc.)
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**KEY TERMS:**
- Culture
- Customs
- Traditions
- Diversity
- Tolerance

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<th>Compare the cultures in our own classroom to that of others across the district.</th>
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**ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE:** **Students will show their learning by:** Developing a way to articulate the value of other cultures (i.e., compose a lesson or create a visual aid to teach others about another culture.)

**KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:**
- Explore key terms: *culture, customs, traditions* in context to identify a definition
- Research and explore individual customs and traditions (i.e., take-home questionnaire, visit computer lab, etc.)
- Identify different cultures within the class and larger community
• Interview family members as a historian to develop a timeline and determine major events that may have helped shape or change one's culture (i.e., important dates and names, important special events, changes)
• Share and contribute information through learning (Skype, shared Google Doc, pen pals with other schools across district, etc.)
• Expose students to other cultures and discuss influential contribution (i.e., food, customs, etc.)
• Explore life as a student in a different time-period
• Compare and contrast life as a student in a different part of the world
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**Read Alouds:**
- *A Piece of Home* by Jeri Watts
- *People* by Peter Spier
- *Same, Same but Different* by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
- *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox
- *All Kinds of Children* by Norma Simon
- *Hands Around the World: 365 Creative Ways to Build Cultural Awareness & Global Respect* by Susan Milord (Teacher Resource)

**Technology Resources:**
Teacher resource for helping with plans of teaching resources.
[https://www.tolerance.org/](https://www.tolerance.org/)
Holidays around the world – Teacher Resource
National Geographic Kids – Winter Celebrations
Youtube - Holidays Around The World
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ux2QpVYPM1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ux2QpVYPM1s)