

## Kindergarten

The New York State Department of Education has five Social Studies Learning Standards which are:

1. History of the United States and New York State
2. World History
3. Geography
4. Economics
5. Civics, Citizenship and Government

The focus in Kindergarten is on the development of the child as an individual as well as a member of a family, school, community, and world. Children also begin to learn about their role as citizens by

## Making and Changing

- Understand how rules affect children and adults
- Understand that people make and change rules for many reasons
- Understand that rules are made to provide for the health and safety of all and should accommodate cultural differences.
- Understand that families develop rules to govern and protect family members
- Understand that people in school groups develop rules to govern and protect

## Parent/Student

- Visit your child's school and be involved in his/her education.
- Read stories together-be sure to include folk tales, stories about famous people and the cultures of other countries.
- Talk about family history, make a family tree, share and collect family photos.
- Visit attractions in the local area such as museums, galleries, libraries, theaters, and historic landmarks, e.g. (Underground Railroad).
- Point out locations and routes on a map during a family trip.
- Take walks in the community, and point out businesses, community services (e.g. police and fire station) and landmarks.

## Character Development

- Develop An Awareness of:
- Trustworthiness
  - Fairness
  - Respect
  - Caring for yourself
  - Caring for others
  - Responsibility
  - Citizenship

## Career

- Develop an awareness of different



## Career Development and Occupational Studies (K-12)

- Standard 1: Career Development**  
Students will be knowledgeable about the world of work, explore career options, and relate personal skills, aptitudes, and abilities to future career decisions.
- Standard 2: Integrated Learning**  
Students will demonstrate how academic knowledge and skills are applied in the workplace and other settings.
- Standard 3a: Universal Foundation Skills**  
Students will demonstrate mastery of the foundation skills and competencies essential for success in the workplace.
- Standard 3b: Career Majors**  
Students who choose a career major will acquire the career-specific technical knowledge/skills necessary to progress toward gainful employment, career advancement, and success in postsecondary programs.