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Certification Staffing Assignment
MIDDLE LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES GRADES 7-9

Middle Level Social Studies in grades 7-9, provides a group of programs that produce competent citizens who are aware of their rights and responsibilities. These programs describe how individuals can facilitate governmental functions and contribute to the well-being of their community through civic action and through programs that analyze and interpret past events.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:
A person holding a valid PA certificate for Middle Level Social Studies is qualified to teach respective courses in grades 7 through 9.

Certification Assignment:
An educator holding a valid PA certificate for Middle Level Social Studies is qualified to teach history, civics and government, geography, political science, sociology, psychology or anthropology.

A middle level Social Studies teacher will also use appropriate skills, content area texts and resources to help students: 1) become proficient in pertinent Pa. Standards and learning processes, and 2) achieve a more complete understanding of coursework.

Certificate Clarification:
All individuals teaching social studies at grades 7 through 9 must have achieved a Middle Level Social Studies certificate or the Secondary Social Studies certificate.

Special Considerations:
An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills, may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and may assist students in understanding the "reading" content area materials related to this subject area.

Restrictions:
The certified Middle Level Social Studies educator may teach social studies courses in grades 7, 8 and 9 and may teach Social Studies only at grade 6.

References:
Program Specific Guidelines for Certification.

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PA Public School Code:	§1202
	§1212
	§1604
Chapter 4:	§4.22(c)(4)
	§4.23(c)(4)
	§4.23(e)
Chapter 49:	§49.11
	§49.81
	§49.142

Other CSPG's for Reference: Citizenship Education
Limitations of Assignment of Middle and Secondary Teachers to Instruction at the Elementary Level

THIS REVISION SUPERSEDES ALL EARLIER CSPG'S CARRYING THIS NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT. PREVIOUS PRINTING DATES ON THIS SUBJECT: 1973, 3/75, 3/78, 2/82, 1/87