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### **Board adopts new content standards in social studies**

The South Dakota Board of Education adopted new content standards in social studies earlier today.

The new South Dakota social studies content standards are organized into four disciplines—history, geography, civics/government and economics—with the goal of making students college, career and civic ready. The new standards are intended to guide the teaching and learning of content, concepts and skills like inquiry, communication, critical thinking and problem solving. A South Dakota workgroup of K-12 teachers, higher education representatives and other education professionals developed the standards. [Click here](#) to read them.

With a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, the South Dakota Department of Education will work to align the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings (OSEU) with the new social studies standards. The OSEU address the history and culture of the Dakota, Lakota and Nakota people. Aligning the new standards with the OSEU is intended to provide a framework for teachers to better engage students in cultural understanding.