

Parent Guide to Student Success

Rutherford County Schools is committed to providing high quality instruction anchored in the [Tennessee State Standards](#) using state adopted and board approved curriculum resources.

What to Expect in 7th Grade Social Studies

Our Social Studies classrooms will utilize the social studies practices found in the Tennessee State Standards to explore the topics and standards included in this class. This course focuses on World History and Geography from the Middle Ages to the Exploration of the Americas. Students will explore cultural, economic, and historical changes of Western civilization in Europe, Asia, and Africa, including the growing exchange of ideas, beliefs, and technologies. This course will also include world religions, covering origins, key people, sacred text, and basic beliefs.



A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working On

7th Grade Unit Include:

- East Asia (400-1500s CE)
- Byzantine Empire (400-1500s CE)
- Southwest Asia and North Africa (400-1500s CE)
- West Africa (400-1500s CE)
- Middle Ages in Western Europe (400-1500s CE)
- Early Modern Europe (1400-1700s CE)
- The Renaissance
- The Protestant Reformation
- The Scientific Revolution
- Indigenous Civilizations of the Americas (400-1500s CE)
- The Age of Exploration (1400-1700s CE)



Conversation Starters

With Students

- What era are you covering in your history class? Can you show me a sample of something you have completed?
- What primary sources have you read? How has that impacted your understanding of the era you are studying?
- What goals do you have for your history class? How can I help?

With Teachers

- Is my child meeting the expectations of this class?
- How can I keep track of their progress and what they are currently studying?
- Are there additional resources you would recommend to support learning outside the classroom?
- Are there additional books, movies, or podcasts you would recommend to support what you are studying in class?
- What resources do you use to guide the study and conversations of important topics, like world religions?



Resources:

[TN State Standards](#) |