COURSE OUTCOMES: Students will:

1. Understand mental maps of locales, regions, and the world.
2. Understand geographic relationships such as population density and spatial distribution patterns.
3. Understand the human and physical characteristics of a place.
4. Understand how the physical environment and climate affect life in different regions.
5. Understand how physical and human geographic factors have influenced major historic events and movements.
6. Understand the environmental consequences of people changing the physical environment and climate.

COURSE SUMMARY: During this course, students will be studying various regions, cultures, religions, and landforms found throughout the world. From this course, students will gain a better understanding of how diverse our world is and learn why each region and culture is unique.
NUMBER: 811/812        TITLE: UNITED STATES HISTORY 8
GRADE(S): 8            MEETS: DAILY
LENGTH: YEAR           CREDIT: 5 per semester

COURSE OUTCOMES: Students will:

1. Understand concepts such as chronology, causality, change, conflict, and complexity.
2. Understand historical periods and patterns of change within and across cultures, such as the rise of civilizations, the development of transportation systems, the growth and breakdown of colonial systems, and others.
3. Understand political events that shaped the development of governments.
4. Understand that specific individuals and the values those individuals held had an impact on history.
5. Understand significant events and people, including women and minorities, in the major eras of history.
6. Understand the impact of new inventions and technological developments in various regions of the world.
7. Understand how and why events may be interpreted differently depending upon the perspectives of participants, witnesses, reporters, and historians.

COURSE SUMMARY: The major purpose for this course is to examine the history of the United States from its origins up to the Civil War. Students will study the cause and effect of major historical events that led to the creation of the United States of America, as well as examine the people and cultures that make up the United States.