**Enduring Understandings**

**1. American Identity**- Students will understand how culture, race, class, ethnicity, religion and gender shape American identity.

**2. Reality of Democracy** - Students will understand the evolving definition of citizenship and the relationship between the people and the government.

**3. The Living Constitution** – Students will understand how and why the Constitution has evolved.

**4. American Migration** - Students will understand why people migrate to, from, and within America and how those patterns affect American life.

**5. The Struggle for Equality** - Students will understand how various groups have sought equality and how this struggle shapes the economy, society, and politics.

**6. America in the World**-Students will understand how expansion, diplomacy, foreign policy and armed conflict shape America’s role in the world and its own development.

**7. Economics in America**- Students will understand how different economic and labor systems, technological innovations, and government policies shape the American Economy.

**8. The American Landscape**- Students will understand how geography and the environment shape the development of the nation, its expansion, and history.