

Social Studies (Grades 6 – 12) FY 2011 Budget Description

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Middle School

1 FTE 6-12 Coordinator (shared with high school)

Watertown Middle School has eight sections of social studies for each grade. Each teacher teaches four sections, plus a fifth section of academic assistance or enrichment. The estimated class size is 25. For social studies, the middle school has 5.9 teacher FTEs, including two full-time social studies teachers in sixth grade and seven full-time humanities teachers who teach English and social studies together.

The budget allocations for Social studies/humanities materials for FY 2010 were \$2,400.00 (excludes book purchases).

Social Studies proposals for FY2011

- The Watertown Middle School would like to maintain staffing in the social studies department to keep class size manageable, to maintain common planning time, and to continue academic assistance and enrichment programming.
- The middle school would like to purchase more Geography Alive textbooks for sixth grade geography classes at a cost of \$7,500.00.

The Watertown Middle School's social studies budgetary requests support key ongoing programs and position the department for projected growth.

High School

1 FTE, 6-12 Coordinator (shared with middle school)

Watertown High School has 35 sections of social studies for grades 9-12. Each teacher teaches five sections, plus one administrative period. The estimated class size is 21. The social studies department has 7.0 teacher FTEs. There is a three year social studies requirement for graduation; passing two years of US History is mandatory. Social Studies has a \$3,500 materials and supplies budget for FY10.

Since two years ago, the Social Studies Department has had a .4 FTE decrease due to the increased responsibilities of the coordinator to 6-12. With increased student enrollment, class size will increase by 8% in FY11, leading to an increased need for textbooks and supplies. The department has not had a furniture update for many years.

Additional funds are needed in the following areas: Civics materials, US History textbooks, Mock Trial expenditures, ongoing World History assemblies such as Invisible Children and Project Smile, and Psychology experiment materials.

The budget allocations for Social Studies materials for FY 2010 were \$3,500.00 (including book purchases).

Social Studies proposals for FY 2011

Increase the Instructional Materials budget to \$3200 to be used as follows:

Psychology Materials	\$ 500.00
Civics Materials	\$ 200.00
Mock Trial	\$ 400.00

World History Assemblies	\$ 300.00
Language Based/Learning Disabled	\$ 800.00
Speakers/PD	\$1,000.00
Misc. SS articles	\$ 300.00

The Watertown High School's social studies budgetary requests support key ongoing programs and expand curricular components.