

UNITED STATES HISTORY HONORS, 40215C, Grades 11-12, Prerequisite: Civics and Economics.

This honors course is designed to challenge academically advanced/gifted and highly motivated students. Additional reading assignments are required for the honors level of this class. Students study the political, economic, and geographical development of our nation and focus on the growth of democracy and the emergence of the United States as a world leader. By analyzing the social and cultural development of the United States, students develop an appreciation of American ideals and achievements.

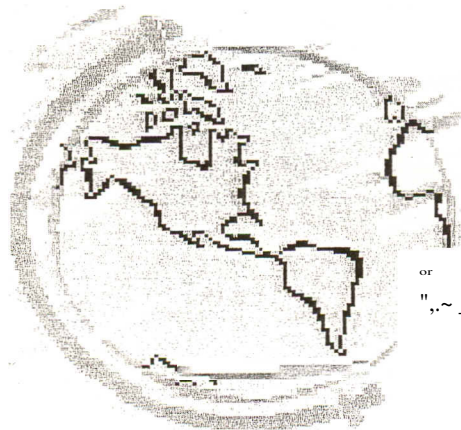
SOCIAL STUDIES PAIDEIA

Students at grade 9, 10 and 11 may select Paideia instead of the traditional English and Social Studies course combinations. If honors credit is given in the traditional course, Paideia offers it as well. Paideia is a two-block, double credit course taught in yearlong format. Its structure at Fuquay-Varina High School is unique and flexible, allowing a more relaxed pace than the regular 4X4 block format. Ninth grade Paideia pairs English I and World History, tenth grade Paideia pairs English II and Civic and Economics and eleventh grade Paideia pairs English III and US History. A student's current teacher can help determine if this course is appropriate. Any student at any academic level may take Paideia; however, the dedicated reader and focused writer usually demonstrate a higher level of success in this course. There is a seminar element that is appropriate for the more verbal student with mature interpretations of reading material. A Paideia seminar is a discussion group, which stresses higher level thinking skills in an open environment. In Paideia the traditional curricula from English and Social Studies are covered in addition to supplemental reading and writing due to seminar preparation and evaluation. Paideia students benefit from the yearlong schedule with more time to process information and complete lengthy reading assignments. Teachers and students work together as a team, crossing the content areas of English and Social Studies to explore how to best meet students' educational needs. The flexibility of the program allows teachers to schedule the 1 1/2 hour time block into either a 45 minute English, 45 minute Social Studies block with students seeing each teacher on a particular day; a block of 1 1/2 hour time spent on seminar or research, or an every other day format, where students have English one day and Social Studies the next. Students learn to feel comfortable in a nurturing environment that does not change at the end of the semester. The Paideia student benefits from the continuity of rules and expectations from teacher teams, and the yearlong format allows developmental time for strengthening verbal and written skills and study habits.

Course numbers: Paideia World History - 40242H
Paideia Civics & Economics - 40522C Paideia US History - 40212G

**Students must register for both the Paideia English and Paideia Social Studies option.*

Paideia World History (Honors) - 40245E Paideia
Civics & Economics (Honors) - 40525C Paideia US
History (Honors) - 40215B



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