

Social Studies Curriculum Requirements continued...

- ▶ Recognize characteristics of the local region.
- ▶ Summarize changes that have occurred in the local community over time.
- ▶ Compare the history and features of the local community with those of different communities around the world

City Tours

The Oconee Heritage Center also offers walking tours of the cities of Oconee. We take you on a walk through the history of Seneca, Westminster, and Walhalla. The tour features historic points of interest, as well as explanations of how architecture changes throughout time.



Students love the exhibits at Oconee Heritage Center

Oconee Heritage Center is also a cost effective place to take a field trip. **Admission is FREE!** We suggest a \$1 donation per student. We can also work with other area museums and historic sites to make the field trip even more enriching for the students! We request that groups be limited to 30-35 students per activity (typically a tour of the museum and one activity during a visit).

Oconee Heritage Center is conveniently located near other attractions and near the downtown depot park. There is ample parking for buses. We also have clean, dependable restrooms for your group to use.

Please fill out our “Field Trip Request” located on our website to book your field trip.

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*Kindergarten,
1st and 2nd Grade Edition*

**Oconee Heritage Center
brings history and
heritage to life with
exhibits, educational
programs and much,
much more!**

Social Studies Curriculum

Requirements

We follow the South Carolina Department of Education's curriculum guidelines to develop our programming. The following Social Studies curriculum requirements will be met while on your visit to the Oconee Heritage Center:

- ▶ How communication and transportation have changed over time.
- ▶ Provide examples of personal connections to home, school, and neighborhood.
- ▶ Match descriptions of work to the names of jobs in the school and local community, in the past and present.

- ▶ Illustrate personal and family history on a timeline.
- ▶ Recognize the basic values of American democracy

- ▶ Recall the contributions made by historic and political figures to democracy in the United States.
- ▶ Recognize the basic elements that make up a cultural region in the United States.

- ▶ Compare the historic traditions, customs, and cultures of various regions in the United States and how they are passed down.

- ▶ Summarize the cultural contributions of Native American nations in South Carolina, and immigrant groups in different regions of the United States.

What we offer...

The OHC is the perfect place to bring your class on a field trip! We offer guided tours of the museum as well as supplemental educational programming. Students will discover the great history and heritage of Oconee County. Students will also learn about national historic events on a local level.

We offer a wide variety of supplemental educational programming to enrich the student's experience at the OHC, as well as align to South Carolina Social Studies curriculum and STEM initiative. The following programming is suitable for your grade levels:

- ▶ *How Does My Garden Grow?* An activity for children to learn the importance and basics of farming and agriculture (K, 1st, 2nd) **STEM**

- ▶ *Quilting Bee.* An activity for children to learn the history and importance of quilts, as well as artistic expression (K, 1st, 2nd)
- ▶ *Appalachian Folklore.* In this activity we will read a folk story or two from the Appalachian region and learn about how people use folklore. (K, 1st, 2nd)
- ▶ *Life in the Southern Cotton Mill.* In this activity, students will learn what it was like growing up in a mill village in the South. (2nd) **STEM**

- ▶ *Household Engineering.* Our ancestors didn't have it so easy when it came to household duties. Students will experience how household technology has changed over the

years with hands-on experiences. (1st, 2nd) **STEM**

Making History Fun!

Our goal here at the Oconee Heritage Center is to make history fun and enjoyable for your students. We offer a wide variety of programs and tours for your students to enjoy!

What you will see in the museum...

When you visit the Oconee Heritage Center you will see a variety of artifacts representing the history and heritage of Oconee County. Our main attractions are our two dugout canoes found in local rivers that date back to the late 1700s. We also feature a replica of Stumphouse Tunnel, a 1930s-era Tenant Farmer's house, and much, much more!

The General Store Museum

The General Store Museum is the OHC's first satellite location! The OHC is using the original contents of England's General Merchandise Store of Westminster to create the General Store Museum. The museum also features exhibit space that focuses on the history of Westminster and the surrounding areas. Students will learn what community life was like for people living in early 20th century Oconee County.



Students enjoying the OHC