



Plus Catalog for Middle School Social Studies

About Michigan Virtual School®

Michigan Virtual School challenges students who want to learn in a different way, using the latest in technology to explore math, science, social studies, world languages and language arts in a flexible, personalized environment. Online high school and middle school courses are taught by highly-qualified, Michigan-certified teachers. *MVS*® doesn't award credit or diplomas, but students receive a completion certificate recognized by local and intermediate school districts that award credit and diplomas.

MVS is accredited by the North Central Association and the Commission on International and Trans-regional Accreditation, meaning that *MVS* courses exceed essential standards of educational quality. Some *MVS* core courses are approved by the NCAA.

What is Online Learning?

Online learning is educational content and instruction that is delivered via the Internet. Content and instruction are delivered through a variety of methods including text, audio, video, simulations and other interactive tools. Students and instructors most often interact asynchronously (interactions separated by time), through email, discussion forums and announcements, though some courses require synchronous communication (no time lapse), such as through video conferencing tools.

MVS Plus Courses

MVS Plus courses for high school students are offered during the regular school year (semester and trimester) and in the summer. Advanced Placement courses are offered during the school year as semester length courses. Middle school *MVS Plus* courses are in the semester format; a limited number of middle school courses are offered in the summer. Click [here](#) for course pricing information.

Information about Prerequisites

Course prerequisites are listed where applicable. Prerequisites are provided as suggestions to guide course selection. It is up to the person enrolling the student to determine whether the student has the necessary background knowledge.

Course Title: *World Cultures A (6th Grade)***School Level:** MS**Delivery Format:** Plus**Standards:****Prerequisite:** None

Description: This course is the first in a two-course sequence. Sign up now to participate in an amazing game show! Students will transform into great adventurers and will experience many ancient civilizations. Students will become engaged in social studies like never before. Students will become immersed in exciting adventures and will actively experience ancient history.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=332>

Cost (MI): \$275**Cost (Non-MI):** \$410**SCED Code:** Subject Area: (54) Social Sciences and History (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (061) World Area Studies

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 2

Course Title: *World Cultures B (6th Grade)***School Level:** MS**Delivery Format:** Plus**Standards:****Prerequisite:** World Cultures A - 6th Grade

Description: This course is the second in a two-course sequence. Sign up now to participate in an amazing game show! Students will transform into great adventurers and will experience many ancient civilizations. Students will become engaged in social studies like never before. Students will become immersed in exciting adventures and will actively experience ancient history.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=302>

Cost (MI): \$275**Cost (Non-MI):** \$410**SCED Code:** Subject Area: (54) Social Sciences and History (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (061) World Area Studies

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 2 of 2

Course Title: *World Geography A (7th Grade)***School Level:** MS**Delivery Format:** Plus**Standards:****Prerequisite:** None

Description: This course is the first in a two-course sequence. Geography is the study of the regions of the earth, the physical characteristics of these regions, the people, and how all of these elements interact.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=307>

Cost (MI): \$275**Cost (Non-MI):** \$410**SCED Code:** Subject Area: (54) Social Sciences and History (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (001) World Geography

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 2

Course Title: *World Geography B (7th Grade)*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: World Geography A - 7th Grade

Description: This course is the second in a two-course sequence. The study of the earth and its features and the effects of human activity continue with the study of Eastern Europe, Russia, Asia, Africa, the Pacific World and Antarctica.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=308>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (54) Social Sciences and History (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (001) World Geography

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 2 of 2

Course Title: *American History A (8th Grade)*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: None

Description: This course is the first in a two-course sequence, and it follows events and trends in U.S. history from the arrival of European explorers through the establishment of a new republic and an expanding nation (beginnings to 1840). You will learn about the earliest Native Americans, Europeans, Africans, Mexicans and others who reshaped life in the Western Hemisphere. You will study who lived in what is known today as the United States; compare the relationship of Native Americans with European explorers and settlers; and examine life in the English Colonies. You will also study the conflict with Great Britain; the establishment of the United States of America, first under the Articles of Confederation, then under the United States Constitution; and look at the challenges that faced an expanding nation.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=304>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (54) Social Sciences and History (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (101) U.S. History—Comprehensive

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 2

Course Title: *American History B (8th Grade)*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: American History A - 8th Grade

Description: This course is the second in a two-course sequence. American History B continues where American History A leaves off (1840-1890) and leads students to discover industrial growth in the north and agricultural changes in the south along with the new movements in America that included immigrants, women and abolitionists. Students will learn about the expanding west and the rush to find gold. They will investigate how slavery divided the North and the South and eventually contributed to the Civil War along with its casualties and long-term effects on the United States. Students explore the enormous job of Reconstruction and the rebuilding of the nation after the war. Finally, an Epilogue on Modern America will review major events in American History to the present day.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=305>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (54) Social Sciences and History (prior-to-secondary)

Course Identifier: (101) U.S. History—Comprehensive

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 2 of 2

Course Title: *Leadership Skills Development A*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: -NA-

Description:

This is the first semester of a year long course.

Winner of the highly coveted CODiE award for innovation, vision and industry impact, Leadership Skills Development equips youth with leadership skills they can use to build confidence, improve school achievement, and meet the challenges of working with a team. Students learn critical skills to assist them in personalizing their leadership journey. The course principles were developed by Mawi Asgedom, an Ethiopian refugee who became a Harvard University graduate. This course has assisted 75-90% of students in improving their grades, skills and confidence.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=989>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (72) Academic Enrichment

Course Identifier: (101) Leadership

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 1 of 2

Course Title: *Leadership Skills Development B*

School Level: MS

Delivery Format: Plus

Standards:

Prerequisite: Leadership Skill Development 1A

Description:

This is the second semester of a year long course.

Winner of the highly coveted CODiE award for innovation, vision and industry impact, Leadership Skills Development equips youth with leadership skills they can use to build confidence, improve school achievement, and meet the challenges of working with a team. Students learn critical skills to assist them in personalizing their leadership journey. The course principles were developed by Mawi Asgedom, an Ethiopian refugee who became a Harvard University graduate. This course has assisted 75-90% of students in improving their grades, skills and confidence.

Syllabus: <https://cems.mivu.org/SyllabusView.aspx?CourseID=990>

Cost (MI): \$275

Cost (Non-MI): \$410

SCED Code: Subject Area: (72) Academic Enrichment

Course Identifier: (101) Leadership

Course Level: (G) General or Regular

Suggested Credit: 0.5

Sequence: 2 of 2