**Madison Local Schools**

**Grade Three Social Studies: Communities Past, Present, Near and Far**

**Reviewed January 2012**

**First Quarter: Geography**

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| **Spatial Thinking and Skills** | **Places and Regions** | **Human Systems** |
| **4.** Physical and political maps have distinctive characteristics and purposes. Places can be located on a map by using the title, key, alphanumeric grid and cardinal directions. **[Add names of continents and oceans.]** | 5. Daily life is influenced by the agriculture, industry and natural resources in different communities. | 6. Evidence of human modification of the environment can be observed in the local community.**7.** Systems of transportation and communication move people, products and ideas from place to place.8. Communities may include diverse cultural groups. |

**Second Quarter: Government**

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| **Civic Participation and Skills** | **Rules and Laws** | **Roles of government** |
| 9. Members of local communities have social and political responsibilities.10. Individuals make the community a better place by solving problems in a way that promotes the common good. | **11.** Laws are rules which apply to all people in a community and describe ways people are expected to behave. Laws promote order and security, provide public services and protect the rights of individuals in the community. | **12.** Governments have authority to make and enforce laws.13. The structure of local governments may differ from one community to another. |

**Third Quarter: Economics**

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| **Econ. Decision Making** | **Scarcity** | **Production/Consumption** | **Markets** | **Financial Literacy** |
| 14. Line graphs are used to show changes in data over time.15. Both positive and negative incentives affect people’s choices and behavior. | **16.** Individuals must make decisions because of **the scarcity of resources**. Making a decision involves an **opportunity cost**, the value of the next best alternative is given up when an economic choice is made. | 17. A **consumer** is a person whose wants are satisfied by using goods and services. A **producer** makes goods and/or provides services. | 18. A market is where buyers and sellers exchange goods and services. | 19. Making decisions involves weighing costs and benefits.**20.** A budget is a plan to help people make personal economic decisions for the present and future and to become more financially responsible. |

**Fourth Quarter: History**

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| **Historical Thinking and Skills** | **Heritage** |
| **1**.Events in local history can be shown on timelines organized by years, decades and centuries.2. Primary sources such as artifacts, maps and photographs can be used to show changes over time. | 3. Local communities change over time. |