**CDE Content Standards – 8th Grade Social Studies**

*Students will master the following skills and concepts…*

**History**

- Formulate appropriate hypotheses about United States history based on a variety of historical sources and perspectives

- The historical eras, individuals, groups, ideas and themes from the origins of the American Revolution through Reconstruction and their relationships with one another

**Geography**

 - Use geographic tools to analyze patterns in human and physical systems

 - Conflict and cooperation occur over space and resources

**Economics**

 - Economic freedom, including free trade, is important for economic growth

 - Manage personal credit and debt (PFL)

**Civics**

- Analyze elements of continuity and change in the United States government and the role of citizens over time

- The place of law in a constitutional system

**World Class Outcomes**

- Craft an argument to justify a claim

- Create plausible solutions through the inquiry process by…

- Identify a problem

- Generate questions

- Investigate possible solutions to the problem

- Differentiate patterns of past events to hypothesize future events

- Evaluate the factors which sustain and destroy systems

- Evaluate how perspective and bias generate and shape global citizenry

- Utilize principles to evaluate theories

**Examples of Guiding Questions**

What unites and divides a nation?

Why do people rebel?

What is the purpose of government?

What causes change?

What makes a good leader?

How do specific events impact a nation?

**Units**

1. **Why Study History?** 🡪 *Value, influence and personal connections*
2. **Road to American Revolution** 🡪 *Causes of rebellion*
3. **American Revolution** 🡪 *US war of independence*
4. **Creating a Republic** 🡪 *Principles that established the US*
5. **Constitution and Government** 🡪 *Elements of the US government*
6. **Presidency** 🡪 *Role and responsibilities of the US Presidency*
7. **Westward Expansion** 🡪 *Desire and need to expand west*
8. **Sectionalism** 🡪 *Interests and beliefs separate*
9. **Civil War** 🡪 *US in conflict*
10. **Reconstruction** 🡪 *Rebuilding a nation*