

The Mission of the Iowa Council for the Social Studies is to promote effective citizenship by supporting and improving the instruction of social studies in the schools of Iowa.

ICSS Goals

- ✓ To promote improvement of student achievement in the area of the social studies;
- ✓ To provide leadership in social studies for the state of Iowa;
- ✓ To collaborate with national, state, and local educational associations;
- ✓ To promote and provide professional development in the area of the social studies;
- ✓ To promote research in the social studies;
- ✓ To disseminate professional information related to the social studies.

TODAY'S SOCIAL STUDIES Creating Effective Citizens

Social Studies is defined as “the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence.” Within the school program, social studies provides coordinated, systematic study drawing upon such disciplines as anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, history, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology, as well as appropriate content from the humanities, mathematics, and natural sciences. In essence, Social Studies promotes knowledge of and involvement in civic affairs. And because civic issues such as health care, crime, and foreign policy are multidisciplinary in nature, understanding these issues and developing resolutions to them require multidisciplinary education. These characteristics are the key defining aspects of Social Studies.



Ten Thematic Strands in Social Studies

- ✓ Culture
- ✓ Time, Continuity, and Change
- ✓ People, Places, and Environment
- ✓ Individual Development and Identity
- ✓ Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
- ✓ Power, Authority, and Governance
- ✓ Production, Distribution, and Consumption
- ✓ Science, Technology, and Society
- ✓ Global Connections
- ✓ Civic Ideals and Practices



Iowa Council for the Social Studies

Membership Brochure

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BECOME AN MEMBER TODAY!

The Iowa Council for the Social Studies [ICSS] is an association of professionals who have come together to strengthen social studies in Iowa. As an Iowa affiliate of history, geography, economics, and other social science disciplines, ICSS is a growing professional organization.

Member of ICSS receive:

- ✓ **ICSS Online** - an email newsletter distributed weekly from Labor Day to Memorial Day that provides time sensitive current information regarding various aspects of social studies especially Websites of Interest.
- ✓ **ICSS Newsletter** - a published newsletter that provides lesson plans and information regarding awards, conferences, and ICSS in general.
- ✓ **ICSS Journal** - published annually, it provides practical classroom perspectives on important social studies topics and themes.
- ✓ **ICSS Annual Conference** - where opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with colleagues from throughout Iowa develop and thrive.
- ✓ **ICSS Awards** - annually honor the outstanding performance of teachers and unique and innovative social studies education projects.
- ✓ **Leadership Opportunities** - participate in the important work of ICSS where you can expand your leadership skills and increase your professional contacts.
- ✓ **Iowa Teaching Standards and Model Criteria** - ICSS membership and benefits are ideal to use as documentation of meeting the various standards and criteria.

Become an active member of your professional organization today...**JOIN ICSS!**

◆**Option 1: RENEWAL or NEW membership in NCSS and ICSS** [NCSS Membership # _____]

_____ \$90.00 **Comprehensive NCSS/ICSS**

_____ \$79.00 **Regular NCSS/ICSS**

_____ \$43.00 **Retired NCSS/ICSS**

_____ \$33.00 **Undergraduate Student NCSS/ICSS****

Choose One: ___ *Social Education* [6-12] ___ *Social Studies and the Young Learner* [K-5]

◆**Option 2: RENEWAL or NEW membership in ICSS**

_____ \$20.00 **Professional ICSS**

_____ **FREE Undergraduate Student ICSS****

_____ \$10.00 **Retired ICSS**

_____ \$5.00 **New, First Year Educator ICSS****

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Permanent Residence

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Current School/University/College-AEA-Institutional

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Type of Phone Number Above
[circle which applies]

Permanent Residence
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Temporary University/College Residence
Current School/University/College-AEA-Institutional

School Building and School District Name **OR** University/College, AEA, or Institutional Name

Level [circle all that apply]

EL Elementary [PK-5] Faculty
MS Middle School [6-8] Faculty
HS High School [9-12] Faculty
UC University/College Faculty
AEA Area Education Agency
RT Retired
MUS Museum

UGEL Undergraduate Student Elementary
UGMS Undergraduate Student Middle School
UGHS Undergraduate Student High School
GS Graduate Student
ADM Administrator/Supervisor/Curriculum Director/Consultant
PEP Presenter/Exhibitor/Publisher

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