

**Subject Area:** Social Studies  
**Course:** Social Studies (Intermediate)  
**Level of Instruction:** Grade 9

### **Program Description & Guiding Principles**

#### **Atlantic Canada in the Global Community**

This course allows the student to examine and reflect upon major issues that affect them as individuals, Atlantic Canadians and global citizens. The course is multi-disciplinary including geography, history, political science, sociology, anthropology, folklore, economics and technology. The conceptual organizer for Grade 9 is “interdependence”. The curriculum focuses on Atlantic Canada in the global community and is organized around five themes – physical setting, culture, economics, technology, and interdependence. The course enables students to examine and reflect on the major issues that affect them as individuals, Atlantic Canadians and global citizens. The course is divided into five major themes:

**Unit One: Physical Setting** - This unit includes map work, environmental studies, weather and settlement patterns.

- Chapter 1:** Finding Your Way
- Chapter 2:** Our Natural Environment
- Chapter 3:** The Changing Weather
- Chapter 4:** A Place to Live

**Unit Two: Culture** - This unit examines the diverse cultural, ethnic, and historical backgrounds of those who live here.

- Chapter 5:** What is Culture?
- Chapter 6:** Our Cultural Mosaic
- Chapter 7:** Expressions of Atlantic Culture
- Chapter 8:** Occupation and Lifestyle
- Chapter 9:** Culture and Politics

**Unit Three: Economics** - This unit examines the economic challenges we all face, the Atlantic economy and our economic outlook.

- Chapter 10:** Economic Close to Homes
- Chapter 11:** The Atlantic Economy
- Chapter 12:** Our Economic Outlook

**Unit Four: Technology** - The unit explores the role of technology in the past, the present and the future.

- Chapter 13:** Technology: Past to Present
- Chapter 14:** Technological Links
- Chapter 15:** Technology and Resources
- Chapter 16:** Technology at Work

**Unit Five: Interdependence** - This unit examines our views of the world and our global connections.

**Chapter 17:** Our Views of the World

**Chapter 18:** Our Global Connections

### **Authorized Learning Resources**

A Curriculum Framework for Social Studies, Navigating the Future (1998)

Foundation for the Atlantic Canada Social Studies Curriculum (1998)

Atlantic Canada in the Global Community Grade 9: A Curriculum Guide (1996)

Atlantic Canada in the Global Community Student Text and Teacher Resource Guide

Specific curriculum and learning outcomes for Grade Nine are found in the Curriculum Guide entitled Atlantic Canada in the Global Community as authorized by the Department of Education.

### **Evaluation Plan**

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| Projects/Activities/Assignments                                     | 50%         |
| Tests (quizzes shall not constitute more than 10% in this Category) | 30%         |
| Final Exam  | 20%         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>   | <b>100%</b> |