

**A. E. Oblock Jr. High**  
*Program of Studies 2013-2014*

**Eliminations:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Reinforced World Geography**

In this course, students will be introduced to the five major geography themes. In addition, students will study the major physical and political systems of the western hemisphere. Class emphasis will focus on student development of learning and organizational skills.

**World Geography**

Students will take a global look at the five major themes of geography applied to the physical and political systems of the world. Students will be cognitively challenged while studying geography items including the seven continents, its countries, and current events.

**Advanced Geography**

This semester course is designed to explore the world through five basic themes: location, region, place, human environment interaction, and movement. It gives the students a better understanding of the relationship of the United States to the world through the use of a variety of media, including newspapers, video clips, and magazine articles. It also explores the impact of an ever-changing world on the United States. The students are required to give an oral presentation at the beginning and the end of this course.

**Additions:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**American History I (Early American History)**

The course covers the time period of Indian discovery to the end of the War Between the States. With this as a foundation, the course proceeds to emphasize the following major areas: The American Indian, Discovery and Exploration, Colonial, Revolution, Articles of Confederation, Constitution, Expansion/Regionalism, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War and Reconstruction Era. Current events are also included throughout the course.

**Advanced Civics**

Advanced American Civics provides a semester course in the study of citizenship and government. A broad approach which integrates information from the disciplines of political science, history, geography, sociology, economics, and social psychology is organized into a coordinated program of citizenship education. Emphasis is placed on the need for patriotism, civic mindedness, respect for the law, and current events. Critical thinking is encouraged in order to develop the ability to recognize shortcomings in the realization of the American dream and to take positive action to improve the American way of life.