

## GRADE 3

CONCEPTUAL STRANDS	ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS
<b>PLACES and ENVIRONMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural resources affect patterns of settlement.</li> <li>▪ Renewable and non-renewable resources are important to a community's economy.</li> <li>▪ Physical features affect a community's economy.</li> <li>▪ People adapt and modify the environment to meet their community's needs.</li> </ul>
<b>INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, and INSTITUTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Families differ because of ethnic backgrounds.</li> <li>▪ The features of an urban, suburban and rural community differ.</li> <li>▪ Sister cities form partnerships to learn more about and support one another.</li> <li>▪ Geographic tools help you find a community's location.</li> <li>▪ Individuals may differ because of their ethnicity and experience prejudice.</li> <li>▪ Sharing diverse customs and traditions enrich a community.</li> </ul>
<b>POWER, AUTHORITY, and GOVERNANCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Many people in government are elected by citizens through voting.</li> <li>▪ The three levels of government are local, state and national.</li> <li>▪ The three branches of government are executive, legislative and judicial.</li> <li>▪ Government leaders make, interpret, and carry out the laws.</li> </ul>
<b>PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, and DISTRIBUTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People earn income for the work they do.</li> <li>▪ People make budget decisions about saving and spending.</li> <li>▪ Businesses and industries use raw materials, human and capital resources to manufacture goods and provide services.</li> <li>▪ Transportation improvements change the distribution of products by businesses and industries.</li> </ul>
<b>SOCIETY, SCIENCE, and TECHNOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inventions and technology change communication, transportation and the economy of communities.</li> <li>▪ People can positively and negatively affect the environment.</li> </ul>
<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responsibilities (duties) of all citizens include voting, obeying laws, paying taxes and respecting others.</li> <li>▪ Citizens support the community by volunteering and working for the common good.</li> <li>▪ Basic freedoms such as freedom of religion, press and assembly belong to all citizens.</li> <li>▪ To demonstrate loyalty and respect to the United States, citizens recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem.</li> <li>▪ People work for equality in order to change their communities.</li> </ul>
<b>GLOBAL CONNECTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People throughout the world form connections through different modes of communication.</li> <li>▪ Countries import and export goods and services.</li> <li>▪ People immigrate for personal and economic opportunities.</li> </ul>