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Geography Education National Implementation Project: Minnesota**Number of Teachers:** No data**Number of Social Studies Teachers:** 1,667**I. Teacher Preparation**

What is the name of the state educator examination program?	Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams
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A. Geography and Social Studies Teacher Licensure Requirements

Question 4: Is a social studies examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	Yes
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 5: Is Geography part of the social studies requirement?	
a. K-5 Grades	Not applicable
b. 6-8 Grades	Unknown
c. 7-12 th Grades	Unknown

Question 6: Is a stand-alone geography content examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	No

Question 7: Is there a stand-alone geography content examination required for geography only licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	No

Question 8: What is the minimum number of geography courses a pre-service teacher must take during their educator preparation program?	
a. K-5 Grades	1-2 courses
b. 6-8 Grades	1-2 courses
c. 7-12 th Grades	1-2 courses

Question 9: Additional information about how teachers become certified in your state?	Most colleges in Minnesota do not offer geography courses. Social Studies teaching candidates may substitute other courses for Geography in those cases.
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B. Professional Development

Question 10: Can in service teachers receive certification credit for professional development courses or programs in geography?	Yes
Question 11: Does the state education agency (SEA) provide professional development in geography?	Yes, but professional development is offered independently from the SEA

II. Curriculum

Question 15: What is the name of the state standards?	2011 Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in Social Studies
Question 16: How are the state standards presented by grade level?	Individual
Question 17: When were the standards last revised?	3-6 years
Question 18: Are there plans for revision to the state standards?	Within 5 years
Question 19: Is geography included in the state standards?	Yes
Question 20: How are the geography standards organized?	Geography standards are organized by strand
Question 21: What framework and/or documents were used?	Geography for Life (2013); Five Themes in Geography; Other states' standards

Question 22: What general topics are included?

Population and Settlements; Spatial Thinking and/or Mental Maps; Movement of people, goods and/or ideas; Culture; Geopolitics; Places and/or regions; Human-environment interaction; Mapping (map projections, use of maps); Uses of geography and/or careers in geography; Learning about geospatial technologies; Using geospatial technologies

Question 23: What is the total number of credit hours required for high school graduation?	21.5 credit hours
Question 24: What is the total number of social studies credit hours required for high school graduation?	3.5 credit hours

Question 25: What is the total number of geography credit hours required for high school graduation?	1 credit hour
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Question 26: What geography courses will students typically experience?	
a. K-5 Grades	Stand alone
b. 6-8 Grades	Integrated social studies
c. 7-12 th Grades	Stand alone

Question 26a: What is the name of the courses?

4th grade geography of US, Canada 8th grade world studies - focus on Geography high school Human Geography

III. Student Assessment

Question 28: What is the name of the K-12 assessments in your state?	There is not a state assessment in social studies
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Question 29: Is a social studies exam required during K-12?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 9-12 th Grades	No

Question 30: Is geography part of the statewide social studies exam?	
a. K-5 Grades	Not applicable
b. 6-8 Grades	Not applicable
c. 9-12 th Grades	Not applicable

Question 31: Are there any plans for revising the social studies assessment?	Unknown
Question 32: Are student results on the state social studies exam used for teacher evaluation?	Local issue

Disclaimer: Data for this state was collected from public state education websites and through a survey to state education officers or other educators. Education data for each state changes almost yearly depending on enrollments, adoption cycles for standards, K-12 assessment requirements, and state certification requirements for teacher education. This data represents a snapshot for this state, but may not contain the most recent data. It represents the clearest snapshot of geography's role within K-12 education during 2015-2016.