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**Geography Education National Implementation Project: North Dakota****Number of Teachers:** No data**Number of Social Studies Teachers:** 7,556**I. Teacher Preparation**

What is the name of the state educator examination program?	Praxis
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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 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Yes

Question 5: Is Geography part of the social studies requirement?	
a. K-5 Grades	Yes, some geography courses are included in the social studies requirement
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes, some geography courses are included in the social studies requirement
c. 7-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Yes, some geography courses are included in the social studies requirement

Question 6: Is a stand-alone geography content examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	Yes
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes
c. 7-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Yes

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

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 <sup>th</sup> Grades	3-5 courses

Question 9: Additional information about how teachers become certified in your state?	Geography education is a requirement for elementary teachers. Secondary social studies teachers need to have 6 semester hours of geography to teach it at the middle school level and at least 12 semester hours to teach geography at the high school level. Licensed teachers can take the Praxis tests to become licensed in new areas. It is possible that a teacher could “test into” geography. They can take the specific geography Praxis test or they could also take the social studies composite Praxis test, which would also allow a teacher to teach geography.
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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?	No

## **II. Curriculum**

Question 15: What is the name of the state standards?	North Dakota Content and Achievement Standards: Social Studies
Question 16: How are the state standards presented by grade level?	Individual
Question 17: When were the standards last revised?	7-10 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?	Five Themes in Geography, Geography for Life (1994)

### **Question 22: What general topics are included?**

Mapping (map projections, use of maps), Human-environment interaction, Places and/or regions, Physical geography (including physical processes, weather & climate, natural resources), Geopolitics, Population and Settlements, Movement of people, goods and/or ideas

Question 23: What is the total number of credit hours required for high school graduation?	24 credit hours
Question 24: What is the total number of social studies credit hours required for high school graduation?	0 credit hours
Question 25: What is the total number of geography credit hours required for high school graduation?	0 credit hours

Question 26: What geography courses will students typically experience?	
a. K-5 Grades	Integrated social studies
b. 6-8 Grades	Stand alone
c. 7-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Stand alone

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

World Geography

**III. Student Assessment**

Question 28: What is the name of the K-12 assessments in your state?	North Dakota State Assessment
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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 <sup>th</sup> Grades	No

Question 30: Is geography part of the statewide social studies exam?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	No

Question 31: Are there any plans for revising the social studies assessment?	Planned with no timeline
Question 32: Are student results on the state social studies exam used for teacher evaluation?	No

**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.**