



## Curriculum Night: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Individuals & Societies Ms. Dolan

Willows Preparatory School 2017-18

### *I.B. Learning Aims & Goals*

- Appreciate human & environmental commonalities & diversity
- Understand interactions and interdependence
- Understand the operation and evolution of environmental and human systems
- Establish concern for human and environmental well-being
- Act as responsible citizens in local and global communities
- Develop inquiry skills that lead to conceptual understandings

| <i>I.B. Learning Objectives</i>   | <i>I.B. Grading Criteria</i>  |
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| <p><u>Objective A:</u> Knowing and Understanding (0-8)<br/>Vocabulary, subject-specific content</p> <p><u>Objective B:</u> Investigation (0-8)<br/>Research, data collection and reflection</p> <p><u>Objective C:</u> Communicating (0-8)<br/>Effective communication for the audience and purpose</p> <p><u>Objective D:</u> Thinking Critically (0-8)<br/>Concepts, visuals, models, theories, synthesis of information, analysis of sources, diverse perspectives</p> | <p>Students will be assessed both by a traditional points system and by I.B. grading criteria. In I.B. grading, the students will receive a 0-8 achievement score in each of the four objectives described in the left column. These scores are added and then converted to a 0-7 final I.B. grade.</p> <p>Please see student handbook for more information about schoolwide grading practices.</p> |



Below are some essential questions explored in the curriculum this year.  
See syllabus for further details.

### **Trimester 1**

- Geography: How have natural resources impacted the economy of Washington State? What are the best ways to sustain them in the future?
- History: What are patterns of human settlement in Washington State over time? How do social and economic factors influence settlement and expansion?
- Cultural History: How have Native Americans rebelled and assimilated to American culture?

### **Trimester 2**

- History of Technology: What are the origins and philosophy of the Enlightenment? How does the Scientific Revolution still influence our world today?
- Global Economics: How did global expansion and encounter influence the transatlantic slave trade?

### **Trimester 3**

- History: How does the American Revolution reflect shifts in politics and culture in the 18<sup>th</sup> century?
- Civics: What ideals and philosophies are in our nation's founding documents?
- History: How does America evolve in the 19<sup>th</sup> century? Why does conflict become inevitable and lead to a civil war?

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Expect responses within 24 hours on weekdays and 48 hours on weekends