



Curriculum Night: 8th 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>
<p><u>Objective A:</u> Knowing and Understanding (0-8) Vocabulary, subject-specific content</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>
<p><u>Objective B:</u> Investigation (0-8) Research, data collection and reflection</p>	
<p><u>Objective C:</u> Communicating (0-8) Effective communication for the audience and purpose</p>	
<p><u>Objective D:</u> Thinking Critically (0-8) Concepts, visuals, models, theories, synthesis of information, analysis of sources, diverse perspectives</p>	

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



Trimester 1

- Washington State Government and Civics: How does one participate actively and responsibly in the political and legislative process?
- History: How does culture evolve in the South after the Civil War? What are the origins of the Civil Rights Movement?

Trimester 2

- Civics: Which government systems are effective around the world? Why do revolutions happen?
- History: What are the causes of major world conflict in the early 20th century?
- Economics: How do we evaluate different economic systems? Which have been most successful?

Trimester 3

- History: How have World War II and the Cold War contributed to global relations today? How has global conflict resolution evolved?
- Global Economics and Politics: How do new nations form? What are the stages of development?

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