



STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Curriculum Overview Global Issues

Course Description:

This course will examine the important roles that American citizens play in a democratic society which is part of an interdependent world network of nations. Students will gather information on international topics and examine the impact of these issues on national affairs.

Essential Skills/Processes:

- To understand the dimensions of national security.
- To understand and analyze important issues.
- To understand both sides of an issue, pro and con.
- To understand issues of social justice, national security, and economic interdependence.
- To understand that as citizens of the United States and the world, we face issues that threaten our survival.
- To think critically and to solve problems.

Essential Knowledge:

Students will examine how domestic policy is made. The manner in which domestic policy effects the United States' handling of the following issues will be explored:

- Budget Deficit
- Constitutional Rights
- Crime and Drugs
- The Economy
- Education
- Environment
- Health Care
- Immigration
- Women and Minorities

Students will examine the factors affecting the foreign policy of a nation and how foreign policy is applied in relations with other nations. The manner in which US foreign policy addresses the following issues will be analyzed.

- Defense
- Human Rights
- International Trade
- Weapons Proliferation
- World Poverty and Foreign Aid
- East Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- The Middle East
- Russia

Resources:

The Virginia Standards of Learning for History and Social Science:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/history_socialscience/index.shtml

Virginia Standards of Learning for All Subject and Grade Levels:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/index.shtml