



# Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

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## Contemporary Issues in Education, Immigration, Terrorism and Environment 2014-2015

### Course Description:

Contemporary Issues is a semester course that explores how the US and the International Community address the issues of Education, Immigration, Terrorism, and the Environment. Students will examine the current challenges these issues present to the US and other nations along with analyzing the government policies that are in place to manage them. The goal of the seminar structure will be to facilitate student-centered investigation, discussion, and problem solving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### Course Content:

Unit 1: Immigration

Unit 2: Terrorism

Unit 3: Environment

Unit 4: Education

### Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

Students will be introduced to each of the topics using material from *The Choices* program. Other materials will include current news topics, use of the internet and reliable resources, *New York Times: UpFront* magazine, and documentaries.

### Course Requirements:

Students are expected to be open to new ideas and theories, think critically and link information learned through the course to their lives and community. All are required to complete their assignments, work independently and with their peers, participate in class discussions, and prepare for assessments.

### Grade Components/Assessments:

Summative Assessments: 60%

Homework: 20%

In-Class Assignments and participation: 20%

Each marking period is worth 40% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	40%
Quarter 2	40%
<b>Final</b>	<b>20%</b>

### Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no summer readings or assignments.