

## SOCIOLOGY SYLLABUS & CURRICULUM: WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

*Per National Standards for High School Sociology (finalized 11/2015)*

- Sociology, the scientific study of human social behavior. As the study of humans in their collective aspect, sociology is concerned with all group activities: economic, social, political, and religious.
- Sociologists study such areas as bureaucracy, community, deviant behavior, family, public opinion, social change, social mobility, social stratification, and such specific problems as crime, divorce, child abuse, and substance addiction. Sociology tries to determine the laws governing human behavior in social contexts.
- This is a One (1) Semester Elective Course

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR SOCIOLOGY

1. To understand human behavior of different groups and their impact on society.
2. To understand the nature of change and its effect on people and society.
3. To use essential skills to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate ideas and arguments.
4. To develop high level discussions of issues.
5. To read, analyze, understand, argue ~ sociological readings from a variety of theorists/sources.
6. To utilize data in reference to the study of human behavior in groups by using statistics.
7. To use a scientific, systematic approach to understand ourselves as social beings.

### METHODS & MATERIALS

- Content Lecture and critical inquiry
- Presentations, Projects, Essays (Summative)
- Observations, surveys, experiments, case studies
- Class Discussion
- Defense of Arguments
- Simulations and Role Playing
- Cooperative Learning

### FINAL SUMMATIVE COLLECTION

~ Student Created Webpage including The Seven Wonders of Sociology

1) Socialization

~ Family

~ Education

2) The Adolescent in Society

3) Social Control and Deviance

4) Social Inequalities

~ Race and Ethnicities

~ Gender, Age and Health

5) The Economy and Politics

6) The Influence of Mass Media

7) The Adult in Society

~ Mrs. Shore's (Outlined) Example site <https://sites.google.com/jcisd.org/mrsshoresociology/home>