

Grade MIX Current Events

Tokyo International Progressive School
Grade MIX, Current Events Course Outline
2026-2027
Teacher: Mr.B
Room 21



"The only constant is change,"
Heraclitus

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Students will learn about pressing issues in the world around them. Covering events on every continent, in fields such as human rights, politics, conflict, entertainment and beyond.

In this course students will learn the importance of staying up-to-date in a variety of fields and the impact of events in 'far off' lands on their own country.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:

- ❖ Charged laptop or tablet.
- ❖ Notebook
- ❖ Writing tools
- ❖ Any materials for accommodations (e.g. noise-canceling headphones etc).
- ❖ Work due.

COURSE FORMAT

Students will be given a number of articles on a current event to read along with a short lecture on the topic. Students will then create their own article reporting on that event as if they were a journalist for a News Paper¹ or Blog.

SUBJECT CLASS RULES

Students are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

- ❖ Students are allowed to drink closed drink bottles in the classroom. Water and sports drinks are preferred. Cans are not allowed in the classroom.
- ❖ Eating in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher and permission must be asked prior to consumption.
- ❖ Students will be allowed to listen to music in class for certain activities with the teacher's permission. Songs must be school appropriate.
- ❖ When in use, laptops will remain on the desk facing the front of the class.

¹ Articles strong enough may be included in the Wolverine.

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PLAGIARISM POLICY

Students who are found to be plagiarising will be dealt with in the following way:

*If a student uses AI on an assignment, no further feedback will be provided by their teacher prior to submission. But

Offense	Consequence
First	Phone call to parents and the work redone and the grade reported. Preamble with parents the consequences for a second offense.
Second	Phone call to parents and the work redone and assessed, with a grade of "0" recorded. Preamble with parents consequence for third offense.
Third	phone call to parents and the work redone and assessed, and a grade of "0" recorded. Saturday School assigned by the principal. Preamble with parents the consequence for fourth offense
Fourth	Phone call to parents and the work redone and assessed, and a grade of "0" recorded 2 day home leave administered by the principal Preamble with parents expulsion on fifth offense
Fifth	Extended Home Leave

EXTENSIONS:

Extensions will be granted at the judgement of the classroom teacher. Requesting an extension does not automatically guarantee it will be granted. Requests for an extension may require documentation or confirmation of illness. Extra curricular activities are not grounds for extensions. Extension requests must be made ONE full school day before the assignment is due.

If a student is unable to complete work by the expected due date, the grade will be a 0 on Quickschools until the work is completed. The student and the teacher will set a new due date together. If this work is not completed by the revised deadline, the 0 will be finalized in the grade book.

	Mark Range	Grade Points
A+	98-100	4.0
A	93-97	4.0
B+	90-92	3.5
B	85-89	3.0
C+	82-84	2.5
C	77-81	2.0
D+	74-76	1.5
D	70-73	1.0
F	69 or below	0.0

EARNING YOUR GRADE

6Ps	Classroom conduct and work ethic.	20%
Daily Work	In class shortform work that takes 1-2 days.	30%
Test	25 Question tests that summarize the Quarter	20%
Projects	Expansive work across different formats.	30%

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that dates are tentative and may be changed accordingly.

Schedule	Topics	Type
Quarter 1	Conflict	Test
Quarter 2	Natural World	Project
Quarter 3	Entertainment	Test
Quarter 4	Politics	Project

Parent Signature	Student Signature