

## BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

## **Social Studies | International Relations**



## ORGANIZING THEME/TOPIC

## FOCUS STANDARDS & SKILLS

| UNIT 1: THE INTERNATIONAL                                   | How has the relationship of nation-states changed since the end of the Cold War?  |
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| SETTING   | <ul> <li>The student will investigate an example of continuity and/or change and connect that continuity and/or change to a<br/>contemporary issue (4.3)</li> </ul>   |
| Suggested Time Frame:<br>Quarter 1/3                        | The student will analyze the context of significant relationships and draw conclusions about a contemporary world (5.2)   |
|   | <ul> <li>What theories of international relations best describe how nations currently relate to each other; why?</li> <li>The student will recognize and evaluate significant beliefs, contributions, and ideas of the many diverse peoples and groups and their impact on individuals, communities, states, and nations (3.1)</li> <li>The student will analyze the context of significant relationships and draw conclusions about a contemporary world (5.2)</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul> <li>Is Globalization inevitable and it is a positive or negative development (and for whom)?</li> <li>The student will use his/her understanding of choices and consequences to construct a decision-making process and to justify a decision (1.4)</li> <li>The student will use his/her understanding of these dynamic relationships to create a personal, community, state, and/or national narrative (5.4)</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul> <li>How do nations (the US in particular) develop foreign policy and who are the main actors?</li> <li>The student will analyze the context under which significant rights and responsibilities are defined and demonstrated, their various interpretations, and draw conclusions about those interpretations (2.2)</li> <li>The student will recognize and evaluate significant beliefs, contributions, and ideas of the many diverse peoples and groups and their impact on individuals, communities, states, and nations (3.1)</li> </ul> |
| UNIT 2: GLOBAL CONFLICT & MANAGEMENT  Suggested Time Frame: | <ul> <li>How has past history (i.e. Imperialism) influenced current global crises?</li> <li>The student will investigate an example of continuity and/or change and connect that continuity and/or change to a contemporary issue (4.3)</li> </ul>  |
| Quarter 1/3   | <ul> <li>How has Globalization affected conflict management?</li> <li>The student will investigate the relationships among people, places, ideas, and/or the environment and connect those relationships to contemporary issues (5.3)</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul> <li>How do successes/failures of unilateralism v. multilateralism in conflict resolution compare?</li> <li>The student will investigate specific beliefs, contributions, ideas, and/or diverse populations and connect those beliefs, contributions, ideas and/or diversity to contemporary issues (3.3)</li> <li>The student will investigate the relationships among people, places, ideas, and/or the environment and connect those relationships to contemporary issues (5.3)</li> </ul>   |

|                                      | To what extent have international organizations been effective in conflict resolution?  |
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|                                      | <ul> <li>The student will use his/her understanding of rights and responsibilities to address contemporary issues (2.4)</li> <li>The student will use his/her understanding of these dynamic relationships to create a personal, community, state, and/or national narrative (5.4)</li> </ul> |
| UNIT 3: GLOBAL ISSUES                | To what extent are international organizations responsible for addressing human rights violations throughout the world?   |
| Suggested Time Frame:<br>Quarter 2/4 | The student will use his/her understanding of rights and responsibilities to address contemporary issues (2.4)  |
|                                      | To what extent is conflict resolution between nations influenced by the threat of weapons of mass destruction?  |
|                                      | <ul> <li>The student will investigate examples of causes and consequences of particular choices and connect those with<br/>contemporary issues (1.3)</li> </ul>   |
|                                      | The student will analyze the context of significant relationships and draw conclusions about a contemporary world (5.2)   |
|                                      | How does the presence of terrorist groups and acts of terrorism influence international relations?  |
|                                      | <ul> <li>The student will investigate examples of causes and consequences of particular choices and connect those with<br/>contemporary issues (1.3)</li> </ul>   |
|                                      | <ul> <li>The student will analyze the context of continuity and change and the vehicles of reform, drawing conclusions about<br/>past change and potential future change (4.2)</li> </ul>   |
|                                      | The student will analyze the context of significant relationships and draw conclusions about a contemporary world (5.2)   |
|                                      | Why does development between countries vary? How does varying degrees of development influence international relations?   |
|                                      | <ul> <li>The student will investigate examples of causes and consequences of particular choices and connect those with<br/>contemporary issues (1.3)</li> </ul>   |
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|                                      | How do multinational corporations influence international relations?  |
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|                                      | To what extent do threats to environmental security and sustainability exist? How do such treats influence international relations?   |
|                                      | <ul> <li>The student will investigate the relationships among people, places, ideas, and/or the environment and connect those<br/>relationships to contemporary issues (5.3)</li> </ul>   |