PROGRAM BENEFITS

MEMBERS OF ICE WILL..

- understand past and current issues facing our local, national and global communities
- learn how to take action to address current issues
- experience more hands-on learning opportunities, such as:
 - field trips
 - action-oriented projects
 - panel discussions & debates
 - guest speakers
 - community service projects



- benefit from a stronger sense of community within our large and diverse student population
- develop personalized and on-going relationships with teachers and students who share their interests

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

MORE INFORMATION



TO JOIN ICE:

- A student must complete a program application in the middle of his/her freshman year, expressing interest in joining ICE.
- In true democratic spirit, ALL WOHS students are welcome to apply.
- The program can be completed at either the college prep or Honors/AP levels.

WHILE IN I.C.E., STUDENTS MUST JOIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mock Trial
JSA (Junior Statesmen of America)
Unity Club
JROTC
School or Class Council

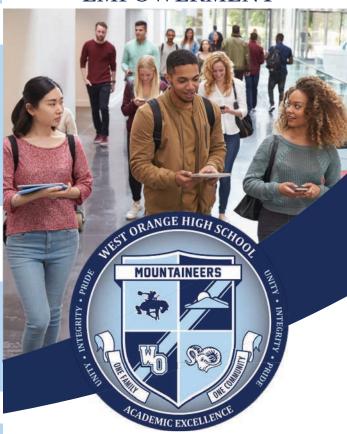
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WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

INSTITUTE FOR CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT



Social Studies Small Learning Community

Grades 10-12

"Whenever people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government."
- Thomas Jefferson

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Institute for Citizen Empowerment (I.C.E.) is a Small Learning Community that makes citizenship the central theme of the education of our students. This program is designed to help students develop the skills, knowledge, attitudes and experiences to become active and effective citizens in American society.

The Institute for Citizen Empowerment will provide the opportunity for a close-knit group of students to work collaboratively with a small team of teachers and a cohort of their peers to pursue common academic interests in more nurturing, responsive and encouraging environments.

I.C.E.: A SOCIAL STUDIES DRIVEN PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL STUDIES FOCUSED STUDENTS!

In addition to the required history courses, I.C.E. students will take the following Social Studies elective courses:

- Law: Rights and Responsibilities
- History of Race, Class Gender & Ethnicity
- Power and Politics or
- AP Government and Politics

I.C.E. students will select at least one of these additional electives in their senior year:

- Money Markets & the Economy
- Cultural Anthropology
- Modern America Through the Media
- The Individual and Society
- Shaping of Western Thought
- AP World History
- AP Psychology



COURSE SEQUENCE

"The real safeguard of democracy... is education." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

This Social Studies based small learning community begins with the student's application in his/her freshmen year, and enrollment in the Institute for Citizen Empowerment in the sophomore year. Students will move as a unit from their sophomore year ICE classes into their junior and then senior year I.C.E. classes.

Each year, students in the I.C.E. will take 5-10 credits within the small learning community. At the end of three years, students will have taken at least 25 credits within the I.C.E. Small Learning Community. The three year course sequence is as follows:

US History 1 CP Honors US History 1 10th Grade Law: Rights and Law: Rights and Responsibilities Responsibilities Honors US History 2 US History 2 CP or AP US History 11th Grade The History of: Race, Class, The History of Race, Class, Gender & Ethnicity Gender & Ethnicity AP Government & Politics or Power and Politics in Power and Politics in America 12th Grade America and and a Social Studies Elective a Social Studies Elective (which can include AP World or AP Psych)

"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." - Frederick Douglass