



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Senior Seminar

May 17, 2018



Rationale

- Seniors have expressed the need to revisit issues such as drug and sex education from a more mature perspective.
- Reduce stress level for college application and career exploration
- Returning graduates discuss need for learning more practical life skills.
- Social justice curriculum will help students to understand their advantages and disadvantages because of their background and how this affects their lives.



Course Overview

A hands-on practical guide to life after high school, including support for college application process, exploring gap year options and careers.

The course will include education on drug and alcohol use, sex ed, and mental health.

The class will also explore issues connected to social justice and help students to clarify their own belief system.

Finally, the class will include practical instruction in the skills and knowledge for adult life such as cooking, financial literacy, etc.



Course Materials

Course materials will include current articles and handouts provided by the teacher. There is no course textbook.

We will also bring in speakers such as local business owners, mental health professionals, drug and alcohol speakers, and recent alumni.



Course of Study

BP & AR 6143

Course is geared to success in college and the workplace, including:

- Step by step guidance through college admissions process
- Individual consultation about their academic and professional goals
- Hands on assistance with resume creation and other workplace documents
- Mock employment interviews



SMIMUSD LCAP Goals

Through class readings such as an article on institutionalized racism (“The New Threat, Racism Without Racists”) course provides instruction on:

- Reading informational texts and understanding bias and author’s purpose
- Developing speaking and listening skills through Socratic Seminars and other forms of discussion
- Writing for a variety of purposes, including workplace documents



Standards-Alignment

Course is aligned to ELA grade 11/12 reading, writing, and speaking/listening standards.

It is also aligned to the Social Justice Standards.