

# Canyon Crest Academy: Social Justice

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Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Very Difficult	0-30 minutes	<u>District</u> None  <u>Department</u> None

## Course Description

Social Justice is a class that aims to turn students into heroes.

Through challenging curriculum that requires students to access their passions, and give of themselves on a regular basis, this program seeks to harness the best of human qualities in order to take on the world's greatest challenges. The aim of the program is to make the world a better place for all people, all animals, and the earth itself.

Through units on Human Rights, Animal Protection, and Environmental Ethics, students are exposed to various sub-topics related to each larger unit. Through research based collaboration, students take the responsibility for their learning in this inquiry rich classroom. Students often come away with more questions than answers, but that doesn't stop them from doing vital service work to meet both local and global challenges.

Students who work with this program have helped to: feed thousands of people locally who live in poverty, provide care for children suffering from HIV in Tijuana, provide mosquito nets to people in Africa to stop the spread of malaria, provide support to rebuilding schools in war-torn Uganda, clean-up local beaches, start a program to reduce the use of plastic water bottles, provide care to animals who have been abused and neglected, advocate for animals that suffer in factory farms, and advocate to the community about a host of other serious issues.

## Grading

Students often have the opportunity to design the parameters for how they will be graded, along with teacher advisement. If the student is committed to learning and helping others, as shown through their personal and group work, he or she will do well. The grade will be based primarily on projects and a few Summative Assessments. This course requires completion of service learning hours in the community.

## Syllabus Link

## Supplemental Information

10 credits

Fulfills high school graduation requirement for electives

Fulfills UC/CSU subject area "g" requirement