### Fair Lawn High School
#### Social Studies Department Elective Program

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#### Course Description
The purpose of the Sociology course is to provide students with a basic understanding of the workings of our complex social environment. The structure of society, the interactions between the different groups within society and the ways in which our society is affected by others. These goals will be achieved through the use of evaluation of primary media sources and secondary research sources.

#### Syllabus Overview
Students will be able to recognize sociology as the scientific study of human society and social behavior by studying facts, principles, behaviors, opinions, and phenomena associated with the following major areas of sociology:

- Introduction, History, and Research Methods
- Culture
- Society/Groups/Organizations
- Social Inequality
- Social Institutions
- Social Change
- Race & Gender
- Social Stratification

Throughout each of these units, the role and influence of the media is stressed and analyzed.
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<th>Student Expectations</th>
<th>The main means of assessment in this course is writing analysis. The students are writing, thoughtful analysis papers at least once a week. They are also expected to complete outside readings for each unit. Students are also expected to complete a yearlong research thesis.</th>
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<td>Resources, Student Work</td>
<td>We utilize current media articles, TV news stories, documentaries and sociological research. Students write weekly analysis papers. The culmination of the year is a Research thesis in which the students research and write a literature review, conduct sociological research and experiments and then analyze their research findings in order to test the validity of their hypothesis.</td>
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