

March 2025

Greetings APP Students and Parents/Guardians!

**The purpose of this document is to inform you of the Issue Investigation project.**

The Issue Investigation is a civic action project that is the capstone of the 3-year Social Studies curriculum. The purpose of this project is to participate in active citizenship and governance by providing practical experience in researching and developing a plan to address a societal problem or concern at the local, state, or national level.

Students develop an understanding of the importance of taking citizen action while at the same time get a deeper understanding of a particular government policy.

Throughout this project all FOUR Social Studies benchmarks will be assessed multiple times. Below you will find a brief summary of each part of the project and its anticipated due date. **Any part that is not completed by the due date listed below will not be available for a retake. Any missing component, incomplete section, or missing the issue fair will result in a non-passing grade for the second semester.**

### Components of the Issue Investigation:

Part I: Explain the Problem.	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
<i>Introduction and Summary of problem</i> Explain the Problem, make a convincing case that the (issue) problem is important, descriptions of who is responsible, major individuals or groups taking sides.  A works cited page is required and you must have <b>4-5 SOURCES</b> that support your research, findings and knowledge of the issue you have chosen. Your paper must be in MLA format and you must cite sources within the paper when necessary. Use credible sources.	X		X		<b>(Subject To Change for all Parts!)</b>  Friday, April 4th, 2025

Part II: Alternative Policies	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
<i>Exploring Alternative Policies</i> Examine two to three policies that existed or exist now that currently deals with your issue in some capacity. Summarize the policies and your own personal analysis by using the GRADE system.  Continue to develop <b>SOURCES</b> that support your research, findings and knowledge of the issue you have chosen. Your paper must be in MLA format and you must cite sources within the paper when necessary. Use credible sources.	X	X			Monday, April 21st, 2025

Part III: Policy	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
<p><i>Propose <u>your</u> solution to the public policy problem.</i></p> <p>Propose the public policy that is a solution to your public policy problem. Your policy solution will need to be specific and include the advantages and disadvantages as well as what government agencies will be involved.</p>			X	X	Monday, April 21st, 2025

Part IV: Action Plan	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
<p><i>Develop an action plan</i></p> <p>Develop an “action plan” to get your policy to be considered by the government at some level. Explain your plan of attack to “advertise” the policy to the people and get them to buy into your idea. What do you need to do in order to gather support by the public and politicians? Please do not explain “how a bill becomes a law.” How can you get recognition for your idea...write a letter/email, use social media, contact groups to help you get your plan enacted? Who will support your idea! BE CREATIVE!!</p>	X	X		X	Monday, May 5th, 2025

Final Paper Due	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
Combine all parts of the paper into a single document and submit.		X		X	Friday, May 9th, 2025

Final Presentation Board and Presentation Due	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
All students present issue investigation projects in class.		X		X	Monday, May 12th-20th, 2025

Final Presentation/Issue Fair	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
Create a set of presentation/vision board that outlines each section of the paper. This presentation will be used to share your Issue Investigation to the class and judges.		X		X	Wednesday, May 21st , 2025 5:30-8:30pm

<b>Issue Fair</b> -You will present your project to your classmates and a group of judges in the learning center. (More details about the fair will come out at a later date)					
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Final Reflection	B#1	B#2	B#3	B#4	Due Date
The final reflection will take place after you have presented your Issue Investigation to the class and have received feedback.	X				Friday, May 30th, 2025 (after IV Fair)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your student's APP teacher. Thank you!