

FAQ's for the Global Communities Program

1. **Do you have to be a member of Global Communities in your junior year to sign up for the senior year Global Communities electives?** NO, however, global communities students are given preference for spots.
2. **Is science included?** NO, because of the change from 10th grade biology to 10th grade chemistry, we are not doing a link with science. In the future, biology will be “re-linked” with 11th grade Global Communities.
3. **Is Global easier?** NO. Though teachers do discuss student progress on a regular basis and coordinate tests, papers, and projects, some students find it challenging to connect two or more disciplines. The workload is the same as any other history or English class.
4. **Do students have to take Global for all three years?** NO, students can drop out if it doesn't suit their needs. However, students must participate in their junior and senior year in order to receive a Global Communities certificate of completion. If space becomes available, new students can enter the program and complete an extra project in their senior year.
5. **What if I am taking WISE in my senior year?** We encourage students to take WISE, however, if you are thinking of dropping classes, you will need to stay in one Global class.
6. **Can students change curriculum levels in the program?** Yes, this is one of the many benefits. We follow the Newton South policy for curriculum changes.
7. **Should students who have difficulty in a curriculum two class take “global”?** Maybe. If students can read at grade level and would benefit from a structured environment, this might be the right program. However, some students in curriculum two have difficulty keeping up with the pace of a multilevel class, which is slightly faster and requires independent homework more than a normal curriculum two class.
8. **Should students who want to “try” honors/AP sign up for Global?** Maybe. Honors level students who are comfortable with being independent learners should sign up for the class. The goal of the Global Communities program is not solely to prepare students for the AP exams. However, organized students who take teacher direction well and can work independently have had success.