

## Current Issues

Text:	<i>Upfront Magazine</i> from Scholastic Inc.
Supplemental Materials:	Various documentaries and video shorts as well as articles from assorted news sources.
Course Description:	Current Issues is a single semester social studies elective that focuses on the political, economic, historical and social events in the news during the semester as well as a sampling of controversial topics that are being debated in our country.
Methods of Evaluation:	Quizzes and class discussions. Class participation is an integral part of the evaluation process.
Pace of Instruction:	The class receives a magazine every two weeks and several articles are assigned for reading quizzes. In addition, the class receives other handouts on such issues as ongoing political races, the obesity problem in the US, the death penalty debate, liberal and conservative beliefs, the 9-11 attacks, the war on terrorism and others.
Course Objectives:	To have students examine current events through the social studies disciplines of history, political science, geography, sociology, and psychology so they might incorporate what they have learned in the SCPS social science curriculum and utilize it to analyze important issues that are affecting our society right now.
Date Completed	9-26-11