



## **Class: KYA/KUNA**

### **Auburn Middle School Enrichment Class Syllabus**

#### **Class Description:**

- KYA (Kentucky Youth Assembly) is a youth government program designed to give hands-on experience in executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government. Students will get to write and debate bills addressing the most important issues facing Kentucky. They will have an opportunity to attend a 3-day conference in Louisville where they present their bills, run for state office.
- KUNA (Kentucky United Nations Assembly) - is youth government program that provides students with a greater appreciation for our global community. It is designed to allow students hands-on involvement with international issues and solutions. They will have the opportunity to attend a 3-day conference that is geared toward developing students' international consciousness through role-play as they represent one of the members of the United Nations!

#### **Goals/Objectives for the Class:**

- Students will learn the mechanics of government and the importance of active participation in the success of a democracy.
- They will learn the importance of diplomacy as they share their views on issues that are important to them and when they share the views of the country represented.
- Students will debate issues of the day that they have researched and written about while maintaining the perspective of either themselves or the country of their new citizenship.
- Class activities will open the hearts, eyes and minds of students to cultural diversity and provide them with a greater respect for human rights of all people.

#### **Strategies & Activities for the Class:**

- Students will get to write and debate bills addressing the most important issues facing our community, our region, and our state!
- Students will present their bills at the KYA conference in Louisville in December.
- Students will research a country and represent that country at the Kentucky United Nations Conference in Louisville in March.
- Students will give speeches and debate important issues and topics.

#### **Student Evaluation:**

Student work will be evaluated based on quality of work, uniqueness/ creativity, authenticity, neatness, and effort. Student effort will be assessed based on how actively they participate in classroom activities and discussions, debates, and community service activities.

#### **Other Important Information:**

KYA will be offered first semester only. KUNA will be offered second semester only.