



I.E. WELDON SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

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Course Description

Theory of Knowledge: Theory of Knowledge is an interdisciplinary course requirement unique to the IB program and mandatory for every diploma candidate. It is intended to stimulate critical reflection on knowledge and experience gained inside and outside the classroom. The course challenges students to question the bases of knowledge, to be aware of subjective and ideological biases and to develop the ability to analyze evidence. ToK is a key element in encouraging students to appreciate other cultural perspectives. Having followed the ToK course, candidates should be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the strengths and limitations of various Ways of Knowing and of the methods used in different Areas of Knowledge (this is also known as epistemology)
- demonstrate a capacity to reason critically
- make connections between and across Ways of Knowing and Areas Knowledge
- demonstrate an understanding of knowledge at work in the world
- identify values underlying judgments and knowledge claims pertinent to local and global issues
- demonstrate an understanding that personal views, judgments, and beliefs may influence their own knowledge claims and those of others
- use oral and written language to formulate and communicate ideas clearly

Units of Study

1. Language
2. Emotion
3. Reason
4. Sense Perception

Texts and Resources

Theory of Knowledge Course Companion
Various handouts will be provided by the instructor.

Required Materials / Equipment:

- Notebook – three ring binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Writing utensils

Evaluation Procedure

ToK Blog	20 %
ToK Essay Outline / Meeting	20 %
ToK Essay	60 %

Deadlines

Students are expected to meet all deadlines set out by the subject teacher.

Academic Dishonesty

Any ideas or words that come from any source other than from personal experience must be formally referenced. Failure to do so is considered plagiarism. Cheating during tests or exams is forbidden. Also, submitting the same assignment for more than one course is unacceptable. Academic dishonesty of any kind may result in a mark of **zero**.

Missed Evaluations

Students who are absent the day of an evaluation are expected to write the day they return to school or at a time agreed upon by the teacher. Arrangements regarding planned absences must be made with the teacher in advance.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for academic success. Students who have chronic problems with attendance undermine their ability to gain a credit.

Reporting

Student achievement will be reported in all courses at the following times:

Semester #1

Mark Update Week – Oct 19 - 23

Parents' Night – October 29 – 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Interim Report Card Issued – November 27 (tentative)

Mark Update Week – December 14 - 18

Final Report Card Issued – second week of February 2016

Please sign in the space below to acknowledge you have read and understood this document.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature