

THE JUNIOR STATESMEN OF AMERICA
PROGRESS REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Problem under consideration to date: Core curriculum in the high school
Problems for future consideration: Further development of core courses

- a. Planning the actual core
 - b. Segregation of classes in core course
 - c. Problem of entrance into outside world
- Elective courses
- a. In culture
 - b. Planning a Junior Statesmen course
 - c. Career course in Public Service
- Administrative problems
- a. Changes in the report card
 - b. Changes in the grading system
 - c. The counselling system

THE CORE COURSE

Definition: A core course is one which every student is required to take during the three or four years of high school. It contains such subject matter as is essential in producing a well-informed, well-rounded individual.

Social-Economic Goals of America as a basis for a Core Curriculum:

- I. Hereditary Strength--Increase of "superior" stock rather than rapid decline shown at present.
- II. Physical Security--Proper medical attention, better safety laws, proper food and suitable home surroundings.
- III. Participation in an Evolving Culture --Understanding of our history, tools to enable each individual to participate, enrichment of each personality.
- IV. An Active, Flexible Personality --Initiative, discriminating judgment and choice, flexibility of thought and conduct, development of individual differences, cooperativeness.
- V. Suitable Occupation--Congenial life work is first requisite of a rich personality. Guidance, training, placement.
- VI. Economic Security--Every one has a right to a job. Minimum wages, accident compensation, old age, unemployment insurance.
- VII. Mental Security--Facilities developed to give the truth and prevent profit seeking propoganda from controlling our thinking.
- VIII. Equality of Opportunity --Educational opportunities equalized, elimination of special privileges, good home conditions.
- IX. Freedom--Freedom for all with consideration for the rights of others. Freedom of speech, press, and assembly.
- X. Fair play--Justice in the courts, good sportsmanship in all relationships, good employer and employee relationships.

Each term's core course should be based upon one of the following general subjects: social studies, science, English. Training to attain each of the above goals can be given in one of these three fields.

The problems now are: What shall a three year core course contain? What will the separate goals for each term be? Which basic fields shall be presented in each term?

The Education Committee is counting on each and every local Junior Statesmen chapter to give suggestions for a worthwhile core course. Please discuss the important problems listed at the top of this page, and send your decisions and suggestions to Elizabeth Kelloy, chairman, Education Committee, Junior Statesmen Headquarters, Los Gatos, California

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