

# Service-Learning in Social Studies

Course: **Citizenship**

School: **South Division High School**

Community Partners: **UW–Milwaukee  
Institute of World Affairs, Jewish Museum  
Milwaukee, Hours Against Hate**

Project Name: **Raising the Human Rights  
Temperature of School**



## Project Snapshot

After studying the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), students used several research tools to take the “human rights temperature” of their school. From the resulting list of “glows” and “grows,” students identified five human rights concerns they wanted to address.

Working in small groups, students linked their concerns to specific articles in the UDHR, developed possible solutions, and envisioned the impact on the school community if those solutions were to be implemented. Students then summarized their findings and proposals in a slide presentation that they shared with the dean of students and other partners.

The dean of students asked to share the slide presentation with the school’s PBIS Tier 1 team for consideration. In the meantime, students are acting to implement one of their proposed solutions. They applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from Hours Against Hate to sponsor Mix It Up at Lunch events. The goal is to build relationships and understanding among bilingual students, monolingual students, and English learners at the school.

## Community Need/Issue Addressed

### **Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Institutions\***

Concerns the students addressed were connected to the following items on the human rights temperature survey.

- No one in my school is discriminated against for any reason.
- When someone misbehaves, or an incident happens in my school, everyone involved is treated fairly and in the same way by the teachers and school leaders in finding out what happened and deciding what punishment is given.
- When someone in my school does something that negatively affects the right of another person, they are helped to learn how to change their behavior.

*\*from United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development <https://www.globalgoals.org>*

[View the students’ presentation.](#)