## **QCSD Planned Course**

Name of Course: Human Geography AP

Grade: 9 Board Adopted Signature and date:

## **Course Description**

The purpose of the Human Geography Advanced Placement (AP) course is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.

## **Titles of Units**

- 1. Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives
- 2. Population and Migration
- 3. Cultural Patterns and Processes
- 4. Political Organization of Space
- 5. Agriculture, Food Production, and Rural Land Use
- 6. Industrialization and Economic Development
- 7. Cities and Urban Land Use

## **Rationale for New Course**

Human Geography AP is a new course that will fulfill the Social Studies requirement for high-achieving and motivated 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. The course will be a full year offering and students will be highly encouraged to take the Human Geography AP exam in the late spring of each year. This college-level course will support students in developing and applying content knowledge and skills.