

# An Exploration on Integration of “Curriculum Ideological and Political Education” into Senior High School English Course

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## Abstract

This study discusses the significance and methods of integrating curriculum ideological and political education in to senior high school English course in China. This article is divided into six parts, namely the introduction, literature review, the significance and methods of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English curriculum, the practice of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English curriculum, evaluation of effects, and conclusion and outlook. Firstly, the teaching methods and contents of senior high school English curriculum, as well as the concept and importance of curriculum ideological and political education in the curriculum will be introduced in the literature review. Secondly, how to integrate the concept of curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English curriculum will be explored. Thirdly, specific case studies will be provided in the practice of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English curriculum, and then evaluate the practical effects. The achievements of this research will be summarized in the conclusion and outlook at last. Through the research and exploration of this article, the author hope to provide educators with more systematic and practical teaching methods and guidance, and further improve the teaching quality of senior high school English curriculum and the comprehensive qualities of student.

**Keywords:** Curriculum Ideological and Political Education, Senior High School English Curriculum, Significance and Methods, Practical Cases, Effect Evaluation

## Introduction

With the arrival of globalization and the information age, the importance of English language proficiency and curriculum ideological and political education has become increasingly prominent. In China, "Curriculum Ideological and Political Education" is a strategic requirement for the nation's moral education and has become a hot research topic (Wang & Jiang, 2022; Xiang, 2022; Yang, 2020). The concept of "Curriculum Ideological and Political Education" refers to integrating various courses with the theory of curriculum ideological and

political education in a comprehensive and collaborative way to build an all-round, full-process, and full-curriculum education model. "Cultivating morality and nurturing people" is regarded as a fundamental task in education, reflecting a comprehensive educational philosophy (Gao & Zhong, 2017). With the deepening promotion of "Curriculum Ideological and Political Education" construction in universities, researchers and some teachers have begun to study how to implement curriculum ideological and political education in senior high school. In fact, curriculum ideological and political education is even more urgent in English teaching.

First of all, the integration of curriculum ideological and political education in senior high school English classroom teaching can enrich the theory of curriculum ideological and political education system. It is conducive to further guiding the reform of ideological and political teaching in senior high school English curriculum, thus playing a pivotal role in cultivating all-round quality talents and in realizing the realization of whole-person, whole-course and whole-curriculum human education. Besides, the need to study this integration arises from the growing importance of effective English communication skills in various domains such as international business, diplomacy, and academia. By integrating ideological and political education, students can gain a deeper understanding of the social and political contexts in which they will utilize their English skills. Additionally, curriculum ideological and political education plays a critical role in cultivating well-rounded individuals who actively contribute to their communities. It equips students with knowledge and critical thinking abilities to comprehend societal issues, ethical considerations, and democratic principles. Integrating this education into senior high school English courses fosters students' moral character, social responsibility, and civic engagement. The significance of this study lies in its ability to provide practical solutions and guidance to educators. By exploring teaching methods, curricular content, and case studies, the research aims to offer systematic and effective approaches for integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses. This research contributes to advancing teaching practices, enabling educators to improve the quality of English instruction while nurturing students' ideological and political awareness.

Currently, there have been some researches on the integration of curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English teaching. First of all, these studies show that there are still many problems and challenges in the way and strategy of integrating senior high school English teaching with curriculum ideological and political education. For example, from the research by Lanxi (2020), it can be seen that many teachers lack the concept and ability of ideological and political education, making it difficult to effectively integrate curriculum ideological and political education into English teaching. In addition, in terms of the selection and design of teaching content, how to integrate curriculum ideological and political education with English knowledge, and allow students to receive ideological and moral education while learning language knowledge is also a question worth exploring (Zhang & Wang, 2022). Finally, in the choice of teaching methods and evaluation methods, how to organically integrate curriculum ideological and political education with English teaching to make the teaching effect more significant is also a problem that needs to be addressed (Zhao, 2021).

Meanwhile, in further analysis, it was found that the current discipline of curriculum ideological and political education research in the curriculum is mainly distributed in the fields of higher education and vocational education (accounting for 58%), with relatively few in basic education (only 5%, as shown in Figure 1), indicating that the higher education is the main

battlefield for implementing curriculum ideological and political education in the current curriculum, while there is relatively little research in the basic education. In addition, it is more widely distributed in social science fields such as Chinese language and literature, foreign language and literature, while less so in natural science fields such as mathematics (K. Zhang et al., 2021).

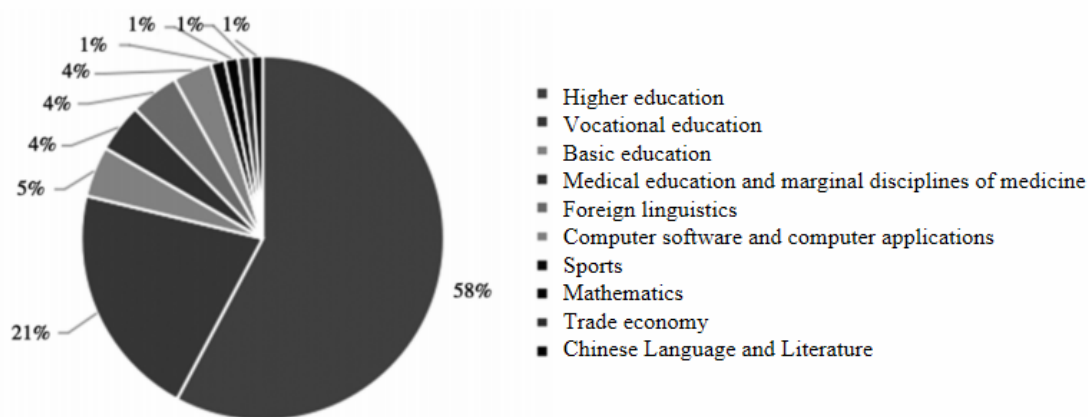


Figure 1: Curriculum ideological and political research discipline distribution

In addition, existing research mainly focuses on theoretical exploration and lacks empirical research support. According to statistics, research on the integration of curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English course has gradually increased (Li, 2020). However, most of the literature still remains at the level of describing the concept of curriculum ideological and political education in the curriculum and the significance and methods of integration. Therefore, we need more empirical research to prove the positive impact of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English teaching and to explore specific integration methods and practical cases. Such research can not only help educators better understand the actual effects of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English teaching, but also provide useful references and guidance for future teaching practices. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct in-depth research and exploration on the current situation of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English teaching.

### Literature Review

There are three parts in this section: teaching methods and teaching content of senior high school English courses, the concept and importance of curriculum ideological and political education, and the relationship between senior high school English courses and curriculum ideological and political education.

### Teaching methods and teaching content of senior high School English Courses

As an important course for students to learn language and develop an international perspective, the teaching methods and content of senior high school English courses are crucial. The teaching methods mainly include various forms such as listening, speaking, reading, writing, and translation. Among them, listening, speaking, reading, and writing are the basic skills of English teaching and also important content of exams. Therefore, teachers

need to pay attention to the cultivation of students' skills in these areas. Meanwhile, translation, as a language ability, is also one of the important contents of senior high school English courses. In terms of teaching content, in addition to imparting English language knowledge, it is also necessary to involve English-speaking countries' cultural backgrounds, social systems, humanities, and history, so that students can understand the background and context of the English language.

In specific teaching methods and content, teachers need to conduct targeted teaching according to students' different levels and learning objectives. For example, for beginners, basic training in listening, speaking, reading, and writing is necessary. For senior students, teachers can focus on the cultivation of reading and writing abilities, and also increase teaching of literary works and English cultural backgrounds.

In summary, the teaching methods and content of senior high school English courses should comprehensively and systematically cover all aspects of the English language so that students can develop their language abilities and international perspectives comprehensively.

### **Definition and importance of curriculum ideological and political education**

This section mainly explains the definition and importance of curriculum ideology and Politics.

#### ***Definition of curriculum ideological and political education***

"Curriculum ideological and political education" refers to ideological and political education. It is a process in which educators use certain ideological concepts, political views, and moral ethics to influence and organize education in a planned and organized manner, so that students can form social practice activities that meet certain social requirements. In 2014, Gao Deyi, the Deputy Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, proposed the concept of "curriculum ideological and political education" (Gao & Zhong, 2017). It is a comprehensive educational concept aimed at integrating various courses with ideological and political theory courses to form a synergistic effect, and making "cultivating moral character and promoting learning" the fundamental task of education. The goal of curriculum ideology is to incorporate values into knowledge impartation and skill cultivation, to integrate moral education elements into various aspects of curriculum teaching, and to silently cultivate students' moral character. Ruiyan and Ruilin (2021) summarized it as "up to the sky" and "down to the ground", which means using the simplest and most unadorned school curriculum to convey and establish an individual's worldview, values, and outlook on life. Weiguang (2017) believes that "curriculum ideological and political education" refers to the process of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into knowledge, experience, or activity processes, which is the unity of value rationality and instrumental rationality. Xianzhou (2018) believes it is an innovative and practical approach to the guidance of Xi Jinping's socialist curriculum ideology with Chinese characteristics in the new era and his important discourse on education. It is a new concept and practice of innovation and practice to systematically implement the fundamental task of cultivating moral character and promoting learning in universities and to forge the soul of education through classroom teaching. Overall, "curriculum ideological and political education" is an educational concept, as well as a method and teaching system, which is an innovation and extension of traditional curriculum ideological and political education in terms of concept, method and system.

***The importance of curriculum ideological and political education in the Curriculum***  
*Curriculum ideological and political education plays a significant role in the senior high school English curriculum, mainly including the following aspects:*

(1) **Fostering excellent citizenship qualities:** Curriculum ideological and political education plays a significant role in cultivating excellent citizenship qualities. Through this education, students can gain an understanding of the country's and society's development, policies and regulations, as well as social issues, thereby realizing their position and role in society. Additionally, curriculum ideological and political education can guide students in developing correct values and perspectives on life, enhance their sense of civic responsibility and mission, and promote their concern and care for the country and society. Such cultivation of citizenship qualities is crucial for national development and social progress.

(2) **Promoting comprehensive development:** Comprehensive development refers to individuals achieving full development in various aspects, including morals, intelligence, physical well-being, aesthetics, and more. By guiding students to develop a proper comprehension of society and the nation, as well as clarifying their individual responsibilities and missions, curriculum ideological and political education can ignite students' enthusiasm and motivation for learning. This, in turn, facilitates their holistic development across multiple domains.

(3) **Shaping correct values:** A significant objective of curriculum ideological and political education is to help students establish correct perspectives on life, values, and the world. In modern society, the inheritance and shaping of moral and value concepts, particularly guiding young people, have become important national tasks. As a comprehensive educational approach, curriculum ideological and political education can assist students in independently thinking about and forming their own correct values on social, natural, and human issues while acquiring knowledge.

(4) **Cultivating innovative talents:** In China, cultivating innovative talents is one of the keys to the country's development. With the rapid development of science and technology and economy, innovation has become an important driving force to move the country forward. Therefore, cultivating outstanding talents with innovative spirit and practical ability has become one of the important tasks of education in China today. Curriculum ideological and political education plays an indispensable role in this regard, which can cultivate students' creative consciousness and innovative ability. For example, when studying science and technology, teachers can stimulate students' creative thinking and inspiration through case studies, experiments, and discussions, and cultivate their spirit of inquiry and experimentation. These abilities can not only lay a solid foundation for students' future innovation and entrepreneurship, but also provide talents for the country's scientific and technological innovation and economic development.

### **Connection between senior high school English courses and curriculum ideological and political education**

There is a close connection between the senior high school English curriculum and curriculum ideological and political education, which is reflected in the following aspects:

Firstly, by integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English curriculum, students' understanding of the English language and culture is enriched and expanded. The introduction of ideological and political elements allows students to delve deeper into the meaning, values, and social context behind the English language. This helps students develop a deeper appreciation of the English language and culture, enabling them

to comprehend and apply different ideological concepts and social values in their language learning process.

Secondly, the integration of curriculum ideological and political education enhances the practical application of English teaching. By combining ideological and political elements with the content of the English curriculum, teachers can help students connect their language knowledge and skills with real-life social and political issues. This enables students to use the English language for critical thinking and discussion of various social issues, fostering their critical thinking and analytical abilities.

Furthermore, the English curriculum can serve as a specific learning platform for curriculum ideological and political education. By studying English literature, cultural backgrounds, and topics related to the international community, students can gain insights into different countries' political systems, values, and social developments. This provides them with opportunities to broaden their perspectives, enhance their international awareness, and promotes their acceptance and understanding of curriculum ideological and political education.

Overall, the connection between senior high school English curriculum and curriculum ideological and political education help students gain a comprehensive and in-depth educational experience in their English learning journey. It not only improves their language proficiency but also cultivates their awareness and understanding of ideological and political issues, as well as the development of critical thinking and social consciousness.

*The Significance and Methods of Integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high School English Curriculum*

### **The Significance of Integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high School English Curriculum**

The integration of curriculum ideological and political education into the senior high school English curriculum carries significant importance. The details are as follows:

(1) *Cultivating well-rounded individuals*: Through the integration of ideological and political education, students not only improve their language skills but also develop correct values, social responsibility, and innovative thinking. Hou Yiping (2020) conducted a study at a senior high School in China, which indicated that integrating senior high school English reading instruction with curriculum ideological and political education in the classroom can effectively cultivate students' socialist core values and improve their English reading comprehension skills.

(2) *Fostering ethical qualities*: The English curriculum is an important avenue for cultivating students' comprehensive qualities and humanistic spirit. Integrating ideological and political education into the English classroom can guide students in establishing proper moral concepts, enhancing their moral literacy and character development. Betawi (2018) conducted experimental research, comparing the results of the Pre-test and Post-test. He designed the four dimensions to evaluate the improvement of students to display the effectiveness of moral education. The results presented an obvious increase in all dimensions in experimental groups, implying that moral education and character education are helpful to students' development.

(3) *Cultivating international perspectives and cross-cultural communication skills*: As an important tool for international communication, the integration of ideological and political education into the English curriculum can help students develop international perspectives and cross-cultural communication skills. Through learning the English language and culture,

students gain a better understanding and respect for the differences in various countries and cultures, promoting cross-cultural exchange, inclusive thinking, and global citizenship awareness.

Through literature review, it has been found that some scholars combine curriculum ideology teaching with blended learning models. Di Yajun and Liu Shizhen (2021) integrated the curriculum ideology concept with a blended learning model. They conducted teaching design using the "online + offline" approach, making full use of online resources such as images, reading apps, and mind maps, in an English reading course focused on the topic of "Halloween" (Oxford Yilin Edition) for first-grade students in secondary schools. By incorporating curriculum ideological and political education into English teaching, they aimed to enhance students' cross-cultural communication skills and cultural confidence.

(4) *Promoting Chinese culture and national spirit*: Integrating ideological and political education into English course provides an opportunity to impart Chinese culture and national spirit to students. By introducing Chinese history, literature, traditions, and values, students' sense of identity and pride in Chinese culture can be stimulated, fostering patriotism and cultural confidence. Based on curriculum ideological and political education, Li Jinhui (2020) provides a detailed exposition of teaching design in terms of teaching objectives, key points and difficulties, teaching methods, teaching processes, and teaching evaluation. Research indicates that English teaching design within the context of curriculum ideology can enhance students' language proficiency while fostering their sense of national identity as Chinese citizens.

(5) *Cultivating social responsibility and civic consciousness*: The integration of curriculum ideological and political education helps cultivate students' social responsibility and civic consciousness. By guiding students to focus on social issues, participate in public welfare activities, and reflect on public interests and social development, the English curriculum can serve as a platform for shaping students' active engagement in society and public affairs, fostering a sense of responsibility as social members. Xia and He (2019) discussed the mission of political education in EFL teaching, which is not only to improve students' ability to spread Chinese culture, but also cultivate students' social responsibility and civic consciousness.

In conclusion, integrating curriculum ideological and political education into the senior high school English curriculum not only enhances students' language skills and academic achievements but also fosters their ideological qualities, international perspectives, cultural confidence, social responsibility, and civic consciousness.

## **Methods of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English curriculum**

### ***Focusing on cultural education***

The English curriculum covers a wide range of cultural content from various countries and regions. Through these contents, different ideological concepts and values in different cultural backgrounds can be conveyed to help students understand and respect diverse cultures and enhance cultural confidence. As a subject with a broad knowledge base and extensive coverage, the senior high school English curriculum includes cultural content from many countries and regions. Through this content, different ideological concepts and values in different cultural backgrounds can be conveyed to help students understand and respect diverse cultures and enhance cultural confidence.

Taking a specific chapter of senior high school English as an example, and explore how to focus on cultural education and integrate curriculum ideological and political education into it.

For example, in Unit 1 "Man and Nature" of the compulsory English course for senior high school students, there are three topics: natural disasters, environmental protection, and natural beauty. In this unit, by reading and studying related cultural content, the importance of environmental protection and natural ecology to human society can be conveyed, guiding students to develop a correct sense of environmental protection and responsibility towards nature.

In the second topic "Environmental Protection," students can be guided to read relevant articles and news to understand the severity of current environmental issues and the efforts and achievements made by people in environmental protection. Additionally, stories and achievements of famous environmental activists or organizations, such as Greta Thunberg, the Swedish environmental activist, can be selected to stimulate students' concern and engagement in environmental protection.

At the same time, while teaching environmental protection knowledge, the culture and concepts of Chinese traditional environmental protection can also be introduced. For example, the natural philosophy of Taoism and the compassion of Buddhism. Through the conveyance of these cultural connotations, students can better understand the importance and exploration of environmental protection in Chinese traditional culture, thus enhancing cultural confidence.

In summary, focusing on cultural education and integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English curriculum can help students better understand and respect diverse cultures, establish correct cultural concepts and values, and constantly enhance cultural confidence and national pride.

### ***Emphasizing Social Responsibility and Citizenship Awareness***

In English teaching, students can be guided to develop a sense of social responsibility and citizenship awareness by discussing and elaborating on social issues, environmental problems, etc. For example, students can be organized to participate in social volunteer activities or environmental protection activities to enhance their sense of social responsibility through practice.

Taking the chapter "Environment and Protection" in the senior high school English textbook as an example, students can be guided to understand environmental issues, raise environmental awareness, and develop social responsibility and citizenship awareness through reading, listening, and writing exercises. The specific teaching methods are as follows:

- (1) Reading articles related to environmental issues: Guide students to read articles on topics such as environmental pollution and climate change to understand the severity and impact of environmental issues, and stimulate their environmental awareness.
- (2) Listening to lectures by environmental experts: Invite environmental experts to give lectures to students on environmental knowledge and measures, helping students understand how to participate in environmental actions and specific environmental practices.
- (3) Organizing environmental protection activities: Guiding students to participate in environmental protection activities, such as organizing campus clean-ups, participating in community environmental activities, etc., to enhance students' sense of social responsibility and civic awareness through practice.



(4) Writing exercises: Allowing students to engage in writing on environmental topics, such as argumentative essays, slogans, etc., in order to cultivate their writing skills and critical thinking, while also encouraging students to think about how to convey environmental concepts to more people.

Through these teaching activities, students can gain a deep understanding of the current situation and impact of environmental issues, as well as learn how to contribute to environmental protection. At the same time, these activities can help students develop a correct sense of social responsibility and civic awareness, enabling them to become responsible and conscientious citizens.

### ***Emphasizing Classroom Interaction and Communication***

By organizing activities such as small group discussions and speech competitions, students can understand and respect others' viewpoints through interaction, cultivate their cross-cultural communication abilities, and guide them in forming correct values and worldviews. Taking senior high school English reading classes as an example, teachers can choose an article related to students' life experiences and involving ideological issues, such as "The Story of an Hour," to guide students in understanding the conveyed ideas and values through activities like reading aloud, discussing, and expressing their own opinions. They can also learn about different viewpoints and opinions held by individuals from different cultural backgrounds. Teachers can start by leading students in a comprehensive reading and then guide them to discuss in groups based on key words and sentences from the article. Students can discuss topics related to the theme of the article, such as freedom, marriage, family, society, etc., based on their own perspectives and experiences, and engage in debates. Teachers can encourage students to raise questions and viewpoints, promoting critical thinking and interaction among students. During the process of discussion and debate, teachers can provide timely affirmation and encouragement to students, while also guiding them to respect others' viewpoints and ways of expression, teaching them to negotiate and resolve problems amidst opposition and differences. Teachers can also ask students to write down their own viewpoints and feelings, and facilitate presentations and exchanges, thus promoting improvement in students' language expression and communication skills. Through such classroom interaction and communication, students can not only gain a deep understanding of ideological concepts and values within cultural and moral contexts but also develop cross-cultural communication abilities and acquire correct values and worldviews.

### ***Innovative Teaching Methods and Forms***

Teachers can use movies and music to stimulate students' enthusiasm and interest in learning, while guiding them to analyze the ideas and concepts embedded in the plot and lyrics, thereby cultivating their critical thinking and innovation skills. Additionally, the internet and multimedia technology can be utilized to provide students with more learning resources and platforms for communication.

Taking senior high school English reading instruction as an example, innovative teaching methods and forms can be employed to facilitate students' learning and integration of ideological education.

One approach is to use movies and music to guide students in analyzing the ideas and values in the text. For example, when teaching "The Great Gatsby," excerpts from the film adaptation with the same title can be shown to students, guiding them to observe and analyze elements such as character portrayal, settings, and music. This helps them understand the social and

cultural background of 1920s America reflected in the novel, as well as the human and societal issues conveyed. At the same time, teachers can facilitate discussions on the values and ideas presented in the novel, connecting them with elements from the film and music, thus helping students develop critical thinking and independent reasoning skills.

Furthermore, utilizing the internet and multimedia technology is an innovative teaching method. For instance, when teaching about British and American culture and history, teachers can use online resources and multimedia devices to showcase relevant images, videos, and audio, allowing students to have a more intuitive experience and understanding of cultural and historical backgrounds. This enhances their awareness and comprehension of the external world.

In summary, innovative teaching methods and forms are effective ways to integrate ideological and political education, enabling students to not only learn English but also understand and respect different cultural backgrounds, develop correct values and worldviews, and enhance critical thinking and innovation skills.

The aforementioned are four methods of integrating ideological education into senior high school English courses, namely focusing on cultural education, emphasizing social responsibility and civic awareness, valuing classroom interaction and communication, and employing innovative teaching methods and forms. Through these methods, ideological ideas and values can be conveyed in English instruction, guiding students to form correct worldviews and values, while also fostering critical thinking, innovation, and cross-cultural communication abilities.

*Practical Cases of Integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high School English Courses:*

Here are some examples of practical cases integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses, aiming to provide helpful insights and references for teachers.

### **Case Study 1**

Integration of curriculum ideological and political education into senior high School English Teaching, based on the New Edition of Shanghai Education Press senior high School English Textbook

Case 1:

Cultivating Cultural Exchange and Worldview

Textbook Chapter: Unit 4 - Cultural Exchange

Aim of ideological and political education: Cultivate students' international perspective and cross-cultural communication skills, guide students to respect and appreciate different cultures, and foster an open and inclusive worldview.

Implementation Steps:

(1) *Introduction Stage*: Introduce the theme of ideological and political education. Begin with a relevant quote or story from a prominent figure, such as Martin Luther King's quote: "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools," or share a story that highlights the importance of cross-cultural communication, igniting students' interest in cultural exchange and worldview.

(2) *Activating Background Knowledge*: Have students share their understanding and experiences of different cultures, such as whether they have interacted with foreigners or participated in cross-cultural activities. Through their sharing, help students recognize the significance of cultural exchange and their own experiences.

(3) *Reading and Discussion*: Utilize the reading materials in the textbook related to cultural exchange, such as an article introducing traditional Chinese culture. During the reading process, guide students to understand the differences and similarities between cultures, promoting their understanding and appreciation of different cultures.

(4) *Language Practice*: Organize language practice activities for students to engage in cross-cultural communication. Divide students into small groups, with each group selecting a country or region to research and prepare a presentation about its culture. Students can gather relevant information, including the history, traditions, and customs of the chosen culture, and use English to deliver their presentations and engage in discussions.

(5) *Reflection and Evaluation*: Guide students to reflect on their experiences and insights gained from the practical activities. Pose questions such as whether they have developed a deeper understanding of other cultures, what they have gained from cross-cultural communication, and whether they recognize the importance of cultural diversity. Through discussions and reflections, encourage students to further contemplate and develop their thoughts on cultural exchange and worldview.

## **Case Study 2**

Integration of curriculum ideological and political education into senior high School English Teaching, based on the New Edition of Shanghai Education Press senior high School English Textbook

Case 2: Fostering Environmental Protection and Global Responsibility Awareness

Textbook Chapter: Unit 8 - Environment and Nature

Aim of ideological and political education: Cultivate students' environmental awareness and global sense of responsibility, guide students to pay attention to global environmental issues, and stimulate their willingness to actively participate in environmental protection actions.

Implementation Steps:

(1) *Introduction Stage*: Introduce the theme of curriculum ideological and political education. Present images or videos related to environmental protection and global environmental issues, such as deforestation or ocean pollution, to capture students' attention and stimulate their thoughts. Share relevant quotes or statistics, like Greta Thunberg's quote: "We only have one planet, and we must work together to protect it," or share success stories of environmental actions and global responsibility to arouse students' interest and concern for environmental protection.

(2) *Activating Background Knowledge*: Have students share their understanding and awareness of environmental protection, such as whether they have participated in environmental activities or have knowledge of environmental issues. Through their sharing, help students recognize the importance of environmental protection and the contributions they can make.

(3) *Reading and Discussion*: Use the reading materials in the textbook related to environmental protection, such as an article about climate change. During the reading process, guide students to understand the severity of global environmental issues and the responsibilities and roles of individuals in environmental protection.

(4) *Writing and Speaking*: Require students to write a short essay or prepare a speech on the theme of environmental protection. Students can choose a specific environmental issue, such as plastic pollution or climate change, to elaborate on its impact on humans and the planet. They should also propose solutions and personal action recommendations. Encourage students to provide specific data and examples to enhance their persuasive arguments.

(5) **Action and Practice:** Organize students to participate in environmental action or community service activities. Arrange visits to local environmental organizations or engage students in activities like litter clean-ups. Through practical actions, allow students to experience the importance of environmental initiatives firsthand and cultivate their habits and sense of responsibility in actively participating in environmental protection.

(6) **Reflection and Evaluation:** Guide students to reflect on their experiences and feelings during the practical activities. Pose questions such as their newfound insights into environmental issues, how they assess their contributions to environmental protection, and how they plan to continue their engagement and attention to environmental actions. Through discussions and reflections, lead students to deepen their understanding of environmental issues and develop a global sense of responsibility.

These practical cases demonstrate how ideological education can be integrated into senior high school English courses. By implementing these approaches, teachers can effectively promote students' holistic development, critical thinking, and civic engagement within the context of English learning.

### ***Evaluation Methods and Indicators for Assessing the Effectiveness***

#### **Evaluation Methods**

To evaluate the effectiveness of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses, the following methods and indicators can be employed:

(1) *Student Questionnaires:* Conducting surveys through questionnaires helps gather students' perceptions, understanding, and feedback regarding the integration of ideological and political education. It also assesses their attitudes, interests, and the overall effectiveness of the learning experience. Student feedback can aid teachers in understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum, improving teaching methods, and enhancing the learning outcomes.

(2) *Classroom Observation:* This method enables teachers to observe students' learning progress, engagement levels, and performance in the classroom, thereby assessing the effectiveness of the integrated curriculum. By closely observing students' behavior and performance, teachers can evaluate the difficulty level of the curriculum and students' grasp of the content, allowing for timely adjustments in teaching strategies.

(3) *Academic Performance Evaluation:* Comparing students' academic performance before and after the integration of ideological and political education, as well as comparing their performance with other classes or schools, helps evaluate the effectiveness of the integrated curriculum. This evaluation method focuses on assessing the impact of integration on students' learning outcomes.

(4) *Curriculum Evaluation:* Evaluating the curriculum, teaching materials, and teachers' performance is essential in assessing the effectiveness of the integrated curriculum. This evaluation method provides insights into the integration's effectiveness and aids in refining teaching methods to enhance the overall teaching quality.

(5) *Social Evaluation:* Social recognition and evaluation of students' performance and achievements contribute to understanding the impact and value of the integrated curriculum. This evaluation method takes into account societal perceptions and recognition of students' holistic development and accomplishments.

By employing a combination of these five methods, a comprehensive and objective evaluation of the effectiveness of integrating ideological and political education into senior high school

English courses can be achieved. Considering these methods and indicators ensures accuracy and scientific rigor in the evaluation process.

### **Evaluation Indicators**

When assessing the effectiveness of integrating ideological education into senior high school English courses, several indicators should be considered:

- (1) Improvement in students' ideological and moral qualities and national consciousness, which reflects the value and significance of integrating ideological and political education.
- (2) Enhancement of students' comprehensive qualities and abilities, which can be evaluated through assessing their language proficiency, cultural understanding, critical thinking, and communication skills.
- (3) Increase in students' interest in learning and improvement in learning outcomes, reflecting the impact of integrating curriculum ideological and political education on students' motivation.
- (4) Improvement in teaching quality and effectiveness to ensure the integration's efficiency and practical outcomes.
- (5) Elevation in social recognition and influence, which is an important objective of integrating ideological and political education. It can be evaluated by considering students' comprehensive qualities, actual performance, and societal evaluations and recognition.

By considering these multiple indicators, a comprehensive and objective evaluation of the effectiveness of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses can be conducted, supporting and promoting the further development and improvement of the curriculum.

### *Summary and Outlook*

This section summarizes the research findings and provides suggestions for future studies.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the research and practice of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses, the following conclusions can be drawn: First, curriculum ideological and political education in senior high school English education is of great significance. By integrating curriculum ideological and political education content into English courses, students' ideological and moral qualities, national consciousness, comprehensive qualities and abilities can be improved. It also enhances students' sense of social responsibility and mission, fosters their national spirit and international perspective, and promotes their physical and mental health development.

Second, there is a close connection between senior high school English courses and ideological education. Integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses makes English education more comprehensive and well-rounded. It cultivates students' diverse thinking and cross-cultural communication abilities, and enhances their language proficiency and cultural literacy.

Third, the practice of integrating and political education into senior high school English courses has achieved certain results. Through the analysis of practical cases and the evaluation of effectiveness, it can be observed that after integrating ideological and political education, students' ideological and moral qualities, comprehensive qualities and abilities, learning interests and outcomes, teaching quality and effectiveness, as well as social recognition and influence, have all significantly improved.

In conclusion, integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses is a practical and valuable endeavor. In the future, it is necessary to explore more deeply how to better achieve the integration of ideological and political education in practice, in order to promote the reform and development of senior high school English courses.

### **Outlook**

This study aimed to explore the integration of curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses. Through the analysis of practical cases and the evaluation of effectiveness, it was found that integrating curriculum ideological and political education can enhance students' ideological and moral qualities, national consciousness, comprehensive qualities and abilities, learning interests and outcomes, teaching quality and effectiveness, as well as social recognition and influence. However, the sample size and experimental time and scope of this study were limited, so the generalizability and reliability of the research results need further investigation.

Future research can be expanded in the following areas: First, analyzing more cases from the frontlines to further validate the effectiveness of integrating curriculum ideological and political education into senior high school English courses. Second, exploring the performance and differences of different types of students in the integration of ideological and political education, such as the differences between high-achieving and low-achieving students. Third, comparing the effectiveness of different ways of integrating ideological education to further enhance its integration into senior high school English courses. Furthermore, exploring the integration methods and effectiveness of curriculum ideological and political education in other subjects, expanding the application scope of curriculum ideological and political education in secondary education. These in-depth explorations in future research will contribute to the development and application of ideological and political education.

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