

Turkey Dropping Evolution From Curriculum

A new school curriculum is going into effect in Turkey for 2017-18, and it will no longer include the subject of evolution in grade nine. The curriculum for state-run schools in Turkey is set by the government. Government representatives say that Charles Darwin's theory is above the students' level of understanding and should not be taught until university level. Critics fear this is part of President Erdogan's attempt to raise a "pious generation." Other curriculum changes include spending less time on Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (the founder of modern Turkey) and more time on traditional Turkish culture and religious studies. All new schools will be required to have a gender-separated prayer room. Religious schools will also begin teaching the word "jihad" as a positive term related to patriotism and spirituality.

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Vocabulary

- * drop: to no longer have or use
- * evolution: the scientific theory of the gradual development of living things
- * curriculum: a set plan of topics to study and learn
- * pious: devoted to one's religion
- * jihad: an Arabic word understood to mean a "holy war" against non-believers,
also means internal struggle to be a good Muslim
- * patriotism: love and honour for one's country

You can see the whole curriculum from your teacher, Please ask teacher to send it to you before your class.

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