

7th GRADE CIVICS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The content for this course pertains to the principles, functions, and organization of government; the origins of the American political system; the roles, rights, responsibilities of United States citizens; and methods of active participation in our political system.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Respecting all individuals in the class
- Completing all class work and homework assignments
- Completing assigned long-term special projects in a timely manner
- Prepare for preannounced quizzes and exams.
- Participate in all classroom activities and discussions
- Take pride in their work and put forth full effort on every assignment.

TOPICS

- Unit 0: Pre-content: Geography
- Unit 1: Citizenship
- Unit 2: Governments Around the World
- Unit 3: Foundations of American Government
- Unit 4: Politics in Action
- Unit 5: Struggles of a New Nation
- Unit 6: The Living Constitution
- Unit 7: Safeguarding Individual Rights
- Unit 8: Law and Order
- Unit 9: US Domestic and Foreign Policy
- Unit 10: Federalism (Federal, State & Local Government)
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- Unit 11: US Geography
- Unit 12: Economics

- Per Board Policy- 2240 - **CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**
- The Board recognizes that a course of study or certain instructional materials may contain content and/or activities that some parents find objectionable. If after careful, personal review of the program lessons and/or materials, a parent indicates to the school that either the content or the activity conflicts with his religious beliefs or value system, the school will consider a written request for his child to be excused from a particular class for specified reasons. The student, however, will not be excused from participating in the course and will be provided alternate learning activities during times of such parent requested absences.

GRADES- will be determined though the following assignments:

- Tests/Projects
- Quizzes/Current Events
- Class Work/Homework
- Participation (classroom and notebook)
- District Assessments
- End of Course Exam (30% of final grade)

MAKE-UP WORK

Make-up work is defined as work missed during an excused absence. Students have **2 class days** for each day missed to request and make-up work. Exceptions may be made for extended absences.

Students who are required to miss multiple days due to COVID-19 quarantine will have access to the curriculum through their myLearning account (under myPascoConnect). Click on our Civics class, and all the work is available under the module tab. They will be responsible for completing assignments given for that time period and should communicate with me if they have any questions.

LATE WORK POLICY

- 1 Day Late= 10% off
- 2 Days Late= 25% off
- 3+ Days Late= Not accepted unless approved by teacher.

TEST/QUIZ RETAKES

Test and quiz retakes are allowed within the quarter grading term and only 2 extra attempts are permitted. Retakes are only given to a student who requests it themselves and is willing to earn their opportunity as listed below:

2nd Attempt- must complete a study guide on the test subject

3rd Attempt– conference with me for reteach and additional study guide

DISCIPLINE

Students are expected to follow the Student Code of Conduct as noted in the student planner. Inappropriate behavior will result in the following:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Parent Contact
3. Lunch Detention
4. Discipline Referral

Repeated or serious offenses may result in an immediate Discipline Referral.

SUPPLIES

Students are expected to be prepared for class with necessary materials.

- Pens (black/blue and red) or pencils
- Spiral notebook/notebook paper
- Folder with pockets
- Personal electronic device (if possible)

REQUESTS

If you wish to support the classroom, the following items are always needed:

- Kleenexes
- Hand Sanitizer (preferably Germ-X brand)
- Printer Paper

REMIND

I will be posting weekly updates to the Remind App on major assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests to help you keep up with what is happening within my class. To join either:

- text **@4a3kgc** to the number **81010**
- visit “**remind.com/join/4a3kgc**”
- email me if the other two options do not work and I will get you connected

Thank you,
Mr. Erik Chappell
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(813) 346-1200

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Syllabus

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Period _____