



**Pine View Middle School**  
**An IB MYP World School Magnet**  
**Individuals and Societies (Civics) Year 2**  
**Mr. Kodish**



*Middle Years Programme (MYP) individuals and societies incorporates disciplines traditionally studied under humanities and social sciences. This subject group encourages learners to respect and understand the world around them, and equips them with necessary skills to inquire into historical, geographical, political, social, economic, and cultural factors that affect individuals societies and environments, all while honoring the Social Studies Florida Standards. The IB's approach to this subject area helps students to appreciate critically the diversity of human culture, attitudes and beliefs. This helps students to recognize that both content and methodology can be debatable and controversial, and for both practicing the tolerance of uncertainty.*

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Planning Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> period

**MISSION STATEMENT**

- Our mission is to provide a rigorous, world-class education which inspires students to become active, compassionate, and collaborative lifelong learners who understand and respect other people and their differences.

**MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME POLICIES**

- All MYP schools have four policies in place by the time of authorization. All policies are published on the PVMS website (<http://pvms.pasco.k12.fl.us/ib-myp-policies/>) as they are created.
- Academic Honesty Policy: This policy outlines the expectations of integrity and honesty for all stakeholders at PVMS.
- Language Policy: This policy outlines support provided across the school for students who are not yet proficient in English.
- Special Needs Policy: This policy defines how the MYP is inclusive for all PVMS students.
- Assessment Policy: This policy outlines procedures to ensure that assessment supports student learning. A video on assessment in the MYP is available on our website under IB MYP Videos

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Panthers strive to display their P.A.W.S.!

- P- Positive
- A- Accountable
- W- Work Hard
- S- Safe



**School-Wide Discipline Plan:**

1. Warning
2. Parent contact and lunch detention.
3. Parent contact and in class suspension with lunch detention
4. Discipline referral

With your child, please review the District School Board of Pasco County's policies regarding Attendance, Academic Integrity, Tardiness, and Dress Code which can be found on pages 6-9 in the Student Planner.



Students will earn PBIS points for positive behaviors that reflect the PAWS Expectations (above) and the IB Learner Profile

**IB Learner Profile-** The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. These attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

- Caring Knowledgeable
- Balanced Principled
- Reflective Risk Taker
- Inquirer Thinkers
- Communicator Open Minded

**GRADING/ASSESSMENT**

**Performance Summative Assessment Grading Scale**

*for assessments graded using the MYP rubric*

Rubric score	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
PVMS Grade	100	94	88	82	76	70	64	58

*A rubric score of 0 equates to a PVMS score of 0*

**Grading Scale**

*used for all assignments, assessments and final grades. Not used for performance based, summative assessments*

- 90-100% A
- 80-89 % B
- 70-79 % C
- 60-69% D
- 0-59% F

60% Summative (Common Summative Assessments {CSAs}, projects and performance assessments)

40% Formative (Common Formative Assessments [CFAs] and other evidence of standards based learning)

Students will have a variety of performance & traditional assessments during the year.

**End of Course Exam is weighted 30% of the students final grade**

# Individuals and Societies (Civics) Year 2

## GRADING POLICY



My expectation is that **all** assignments are completed on time. Multiple opportunities will be given for students to show mastery of the standards, by student request and through completion of previous missing formative assignments, as required by the teacher.

In myStudent, the following codes will be used:

- X: Exempt
- M: Missing
- I: Incomplete
- O: A zero is the grade
- DR: Dropped
- CIP: Collected, In Progress
- NG: Not graded

## ABSENTEE POLICY



- **YES, WE DID SOMETHING IMPORTANT WHILE YOU WERE ABSENT.** Excused absences guarantee students the right to make up any and all assignments assigned on the day[s] of absence at full credit. The student is responsible for asking the teacher(s) for assignments and make-up tests within two (2) class meetings with the teacher. The teacher(s) shall specify a reasonable period of time for completion of make-up work. In no case shall the time be less than one full calendar day for each day missed. Work due to be turned in on the day of the absence will be turned in upon return and be given full credit. The principal or designee shall have the authority to modify these conditions with a confirmed hardship. Students who have been assigned out-of-school suspension (OSS) may make up all missed assignments and tests for full credit. (*Student Code of Conduct page 9*)



## TECHNOLOGY

Students are expected to abide by all school and district digital safety rules and guidelines. Failure to do so will result in said student being banned from technology in class. While we encourage students to bring their own devices to school, using them in class without teacher permission will result in a behavior step. Students will be required to use technology both at school and at home. Students will use various sites accessed from their My Pasco Connect dashboard. Login information will be given the first week of school and can be recorded here:

Username \_\_\_\_\_ Password \_\_\_\_\_

## UNITS

- **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
  - **Unit 11:** US Geography
  - **Unit 12:** Economics
- Subject Area Guides that list an overview for each class and show the interconnection of the Middle Years Programme and the Florida Standards are posted on the PVMS website under the IB MYP tab.

## CLASS RESOURCES



*The State of Florida requires students who enroll in Civics to sit for the End-of-Course (EOC) assessment. For students enrolled in Civics, the grade from the EOC assessment **will count for 30% of a student's final grade.** The primary content for the course pertains to the principles, functions, and organization of government; the origins the American political system; the roles, rights, responsibilities of the United States citizens, and methods of active participation in our political system.*

### Textbooks:

*Gateway to American Government*

*TCI: Government Alive! Power, Politics and You. (Online book available in student portal)*

**DO NOT CUT!! DO NOT CUT!! DO NOT CUT!! DO NOT CUT!!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the rules and expectations for Year 2 Individuals & Societies. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact my teacher if I have any questions or concerns.. I understand that students must adhere to the MYP policies and procedures. **This syllabus should remain in the student notebook.**

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_