



Civics Syllabus Spring 2022

Instructor Information

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General Information

Description

Civics is a study of federal, state, and local government with a special emphasis on the United States and Illinois Constitutions. Underlying the course of study, there is an attempt to make students aware of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the individual in a democratic society.

Expectations and Goals

The material in this class meets the following state learning goals: 14.A. 4 and 5, 14.B.4, 14.C. 4 and 5, 14.D. 4 and 5, 14.F.4a and b, and 15.E.4a.

Course Materials

Required Materials

You must have the following items for this class. If you cannot get a notebook see me.

- Chromebook - Charged
- Notebook/Folder for notes and returned work
- Pencil or Pen

Optional Materials

Colored pencils or markers, folders.

Required Text

Civics Textbook, We the People, The Constitution of the United States, and The Constitution of Illinois

Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Reading	Exercises
1-3	American Society	Ch. 1 Sect 1, 3	
4-6	Citizenship	Ch. 1 Sect 2 Ch. 4 Sect 3	
7-9	History of Government	Ch. 2 and Ch. 3	Antz Movie
10-11	Legislative Branch	Ch. 5	
12-14	Executive & Judicial Branch	Ch. 6 and Ch. 7	
15-16	Articles 4-7 & Amendments	Ch. 4 Sect 1-2	
17-19	Illinois Constitution/ State Government Flag Code	Ch. 8 and Illinois Constitution Handbook	

Attendance



Attendance is taken at the beginning of each class. It is expected that students attend all classes; however, it is understandable students may miss due to illness, emergencies, etc. I have a strict make-up policy for such instances. All work is posted on Google Classroom and is expected to be completed. All work must be turned in the next day (or the number of days they miss). If an absence occurs the day of a test/quiz it will be made up the day returned. **If you are absent and are to be in class on a test day the test will be given when you return to class. It will be up to you to come to me to make up the test at a convenient time for both of us.**

Tardy

Students not in his/her seat when the last bell rings will be counted tardy. This is less of an issue this year, but it still applies.

Chromebook

All students have Chromebooks, every student is expected to have them everyday and charged. There will be a charging station available. It is necessary for each student to make every effort to come prepared with a charged Chromebook. Coming to class without the Chromebook or without it charged will not allow students to participate properly for the days assignment, note taking, and or activities and will affect the students' grades.

Late work

Assignments are due on the date given. Late work will be accepted but with point deductions.

Tests



Tests will be given at the end of most chapters/units. There will be a review guide given prior to tests and time in class for review. It is very important for students to study for exams. The more time spent studying the better the grade. Cheating on a test will result in a 0, a referral, and a call home.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of knowing or unknowing reproduction or theft of someone else's work. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a 0, a referral, and a call home.

Quarantine Learning Plan*

*This plan is only available to students on an approved plan through the Nurse's Office

Daily Work: Should be checked daily on google classroom with due dates posted.

Projects: Will be posted on Google Classroom with due dates and rubrics to be followed

Tests: Will be noted prior to test day with study guides on Google Classroom. Tests will be completed in the classroom when possible. If you are officially quarantined a test will be sent through a google form. It must be completed by the due time and date.

Materials: The Americans textbook will be posted on Google Classroom

Due Dates: All due dates will be posted on Google classroom

Technology Assistance: Please contact Tech Services at 246-1812 or email Gina Williamson at gwilliamson@mvths.org

Classroom Rules

1. When I am talking or another student is presenting ALL students must be quiet and pay attention
2. Students will come to class prepared with Chromebook, pencil/pen, paper, folder, and any assignments due. .
3. Students will be in their seats when the bell rings; otherwise students will be counted tardy.
4. Students will turn in assignments on time.
5. Students will treat others and their property with respect.
6. Students will not wear hats, hoods or sunglasses in class.



7. Students will **not** be allowed to go to vending machines during class time.

8. Students may have water bottles/to go cups for water.
9. Students will be courteous, respectful, kind, and helpful toward others.
10. Students will be able to explore new ideas.



** I want you to succeed and get the best possible grade. You must put forth the effort and I will help you as much as I possibly can.

