



East Rockaway
Junior Senior High School
2025-2026

Teacher: Mr.Valentino
Course: 7th Grade Civics

Course Overview:

In this course, students discover the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States. They learn about the structure of the government and how it works at the local, state, and federal levels. This course examines elections, the lawmaking process, and how citizens can impact public policy. The class will be project based and will meet once every three school days for a total of 60 times.

Grading and Homework Policy:

- **Grading System**
 - Projects- 60%
 - Class Participation- 20%
 - Classwork - 20%

Middle School Late work Policy

- All Other Graded Work (e.g. essays, projects, lab reports, etc.)
 - 5% reduction in grade per day late;
 - Maximum Reduction 35%
 - Late work cannot be handed in after the end of the marking period.

Class Policies:

- **Tardies**—It's important that we work from bell to bell to ensure you get the most out of this course. Therefore, If you are tardy more than twice, the Dean of Students will intervene. You are expected to arrive on time with your laptop out ready to begin learning.
- **Behavior**—Respect is of the utmost importance. This means you respect the teacher, your peers, the classroom, and the materials given to you. If you are acting inappropriately, you may be asked to participate in a behavior meeting with me, your family, and an administrator.
- **Phones**- Cell phone usage may or may not be incorporated into the day's lesson. If you are not using your phone productively, it will be collected and given to an administrator.

- **Late Work-** Late work will be accepted with a penalty and the portal will be updated before the end of the quarter. Please ensure you follow-up after late work has been submitted in order to ensure it was received.
- **Attendance-** If you are absent, please check google classroom and review the day's slides and classwork before you return in order to not fall behind. Email or come see me with any questions.

Required Class Materials

- School Issued Chromebook
- Charged Chromebook

Contact and Extra-Help Information:

Email: gvalentino@ersd.org

Extra-Help Days and Times: Wednesday 7:20-7:50 AM and Thursday 7:20-7:50 AM

Extra-Help Location: Room 112

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the (Fill in Name) course outline :

Student Name (Print): _____ Grade: _____ Student Signature:

_____ Date: _____ Guardian/Parent Signature:

_____ Date: _____