

social eight . american government

Course Syllabus - MCC

Course: Civics: American Government

Instructor: Mr. Isaac Harms

Course Objective: Civics is a basic course in citizenship. Material covered includes units on Citizenship and Government (What is Government?, the Constitution, Rights/Duties of American Citizens); the National Government (Congress, Presidency, Judicial Branch); State and Local Governments (Courts, State Agencies); Government and the Economy (Business, Labor, Consumer Decisions); and Foreign Policy (America's Role, United Nations, Global Problems).

Materials needed: Civics Textbook, notebook, pen or pencil.

Grading Policy: The grading scale will be as follows:

94-100% = A	80-82% = B-	67-69% = D+
90-93% = A-	77-79% = C+	63-66% = D
87-89% = B+	73-76% = C	60-62% = D-
83-86% = B	70-72% = C-	59% & below = F

*Grades are weighted for each category:

- 45% = Daily Work
- 50% = Tests / Quizzes
- 5% = Attitude / Preparation / Participation

Cheating/Plagiarism: If a student is caught cheating, he/she will receive a **ZERO** on the work and will **NOT** be allowed to make it up. Any act of cheating may also result in a reduction of the student's grade in the course.

Daily Assignments: Assignments may be given daily. They will be collected on the assigned date at the assigned time. If you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to receive the work that was assigned and turn it in. Below are the class expectations for completing assignments.

- Failure to hand in assignments when due (day & time) will result in half credit.
- If an assignment is over one week late, the student will receive a ZERO.
- When two ZEROS have occurred, parents will be notified and late assignments there after will result in detention.

Appropriate Behavior: Is it respectful? Students are expected to treat everyone and everything in the classroom with **RESPECT**. Students will also follow all standards of conduct described in the student handbook. This includes policies of tardiness, food, drink, etc.

Good Ideas: Raise hand, good work ethic, listen & focus, in desks, etc.

Bad Ideas: Tardy, talking out of turn, sleeping, bad language, vandalism, food in class, ipods/cell phones, portable audio-visual equipment, lining up for bell, sitting on desks, bags on desk, etc.

Extra Help: Whenever you need help please feel free to contact me.

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Civics Overview:

- Chapters 1-3: Foundations of Citizenship
- Chapters 4-7: Creating a Lasting Government
- Chapters 8-10: The Federal Government
- Chapters 11-12: State and Local Government
- Chapters 13-17: The American Economic System
- Chapters 18-20: The American Legal System
- Chapters 21-23: People Make a Difference
- Chapters 24-26: The United States and the World

In addition, we will be taking a test on each of the following throughout the semester:

- The 44 United States Presidents
- The 50 United States
- The 50 Capitals of the United States

SYLLABUS SIGNATURE

** By signing this syllabus, I verify that I have read and understand the classroom expectations*

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____

- Please provide email for various course communication purposes •
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