

7th Grade Civics Syllabus
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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)

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). They will be responsible for completing assignments given for that time period and should communicate with the teacher should they have any questions.

Late Work Policy

- 1 Day Late= 15% off
- 2 Days Late= 30% off
- 3+ Days Late= Not accepted unless approved by teacher.

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 or blue) or pencils
- 1 ½ inch binder
- Dividers with tabs
- Spiral notebook/notebook paper
- Folder with pockets
- Personal electronic device (if possible)
- Cleaning wipes

I look forward to a great year with you and your child. I encourage you to stay abreast of what we are doing in class and your child's progress via MyPascoConnect. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,
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Syllabus

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____

Period_____