

Goals

Every Student must develop his/her own best habits of how to study and complete assignments in order to learn and achieve the highest possible grade. The goals of this class are to help establish and refine study habits, prepare you for a successful future, and make you more socially aware of our world. If you are to be successful in society, you must be able to understand, learn from your achievements and mistakes, and use them to better yourself. **The study of Economics help you become better decision makers.** Listen, set your sights high, and don't underestimate yourself.

“Never kick a fresh turd on a hot day”

Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States of America

Responsibilities

The following responsibilities are necessary to maintain a positive learning environment. Do all the work to the best of your ability. Do homework when required. Discuss intelligently and share you life knowledge as it applies to human experience. Be INVOLVED!

All of the following, but not limited to (School rules and policies apply):

1. **Be on time! No Free Passes for locker and restrooms.**
2. **Gum chew permissible, but please keep it in your mouth or trash receptacle.**
3. **Be courteous to everyone!**
 - No swearing
 - Keep your hands to yourself
4. **No desk tagging or unattended garbage!! Keep your work area clean.**
5. **No Cheating! To risk temptation is the true measure of character.**
 - Do not copy any work (An untruth stains everything around it)
 - Do not lend your work to be copied
 - Cheating results in a Double Zero, -100 Points, and referral.
6. **You are expected to participate. Non-participation includes:**
 - Sleeping in class.
 - Not working in class or non-attentiveness.

Attendance is the single most important key to success!

Consequences

Good Behavior – Will be rewarded with good grades, a cheerful teacher (me) who will help you any way possible, and learning will be enjoyable. Class will be interesting and lively.

Poor Behavior – will be rewarded by points taken off participation for ignoring expectations or school policies and rules. If poor behavior becomes a pattern, being consistently negative, and hostile; I will surly become nasty and vengeful. **Attitude is the father of all action.**

“It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.”

Harry S. Truman



Grading

All grading is on a point system. Your grade will be a total of points earned from class work (participation), homework, projects, tests. If you participate, show up to class every day, and try your best, you will do well. **Note: Any assignments turned in LESS THAN 50% COMPLETION will be graded ZERO. It helps to have every assignment complete!**

“Always do the right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest.”

Mark Twain

FOUR (4) or more Truancies DISQUALIFIES YOU the privilege of the ability of turning in 2+ days late make up.

Students receiving late/late benefit must do all work complete, the FINAL Study Guide, and Pass the FINAL w/ 60%



Make-up work

When you are absent and return, get the assignments from a classmate, or go online. Any make-up work must be done immediately. Students with excused and verified absences get the same amount of time and credit as other students. Long term illness; please contact me for flexible arrangements. Lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine.

Assignments one day late gets you half to two thirds credit (50%-65%). Late points depend on the quality of the work turned in. Assignments turned in two or more days late gets you 40%. Truancies on the on the assignment due date your score is changed to a zero. The change can take place a few weeks prior to the end of the semester as I review your attendance record. Four or more (4+) truancies and worked turned in weeks late the best grade you can receive is a D.

Students may not make up tests or assignments, if they missed my class, but were present for other periods of the day unless they have a verified note from parent or guardian. Students with verified absences* have two (2) make-up opportunities to take missed tests. Make-up tests are given at lunch time during specified days. If you miss the opportunities, you will receive a grade of zero (0). At the end of the semester, the lowest test grade is dropped, and the test not taken will be the dropped test. If you miss only one test, it becomes you lowest and dropped.

***All assignments that receive points will be checked periodically for truancies on due dates. Any assignment or test receiving a grade will have that grade changed to zero (0) with truancies.**

Extra credit assignments are available throughout the semester. You may earn up to 100 points. All extra credit assignments are due within one (1) week of the date assigned. Specific information will be presented at the beginning of the semester.

Suggested Materials

Blue or black ink pen, 3 ring binder (multi subject okay), text books covered at all times, white lined paper (college rule, no spiral torn sheets accepted), and a red correcting pen (other colors similar to red are acceptable). All assignments should be in ink (blue or black only). Depending on the assignment, I will accept pencil upon request. All text book assignments must be hand written.

Learning is an adventure that is most fun when it involves others. You will be helping others, asking others for help yourself, sharing ideas and participating. **Your ideas are important!**

There are three basic principles, called the 3 F's; Firm, Fair, Flexible. As your teacher, I want you to know that rules are subject to change (in your favor), nothing is permanent in stone. Changes depend on your cooperation. Do the best you can, do what is right, and treat others the way you want to be treated. Good luck in your success.