

Course Name	Economics & Government
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Course Overview
Economics affects us every day, even if we don't realize it. Most people believe that economics only has to do with money, but it really is a much bigger idea than that. The definition we will use for this course is the study of how individuals, governments, businesses, and other organizations make decisions based on the allocation and distribution of resources. Based on this definition we will examine the basic concepts of economics but also thoroughly examine the economics of the American Dream, Global Issues, Natural Disasters, and War. Students will develop skills in analyzing data and decision-making from credible sources while strengthening their critical thinking and writing skills.
Honor's Economics & Government students will develop skills for formal and informal discussions, developing historical arguments, and presenting information that is relevant to class material.

Key Skills
Over the course of this semester, students will work to develop the following skills: Conducting research to gather information; analyzing evidence (including primary and secondary sources); analyzing and developing arguments; communicating clearly both speaking and writing; working collaboratively to develop solutions to problems.

Anticipated Course Schedule		
Unit	Topic	Tentative Dates
1	Decision Making	01/31-2/17
2	American Dream	02/21-03/17
3	War	03/28-04/21
4	Development	04/25-05/19
5	Global Issues & Disasters	05/23-06/09
6	Current Events	06/13-06/16

Grading	
Standard Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Your Social Studies grade will be 75% assessment, 20% practice, and 5% bell ringers. ● You will be required to pass 70% of the standards assessed in order to pass the class, you will only be able to fix an assessment if you failed and it is prior to the drop dead date. ● You get one chance to make corrections to a FAILED assessment, if you pass an assessment you WILL NOT be able to improve your grade. ● After the drop dead date you will no longer be able to complete work for that unit, unless it is the only thing keeping you from passing at the end of the semester and in that case you would need to conference with me to create a plan for passing the standards.
Honor's Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Your Social Studies grade will be 75% assessment, 20% practice, and 5% bell ringers. ● You will be required to pass 70% of the standards assessed in order to pass the class, you will only be able to fix an assessment if you failed and it is prior to the drop dead date. ● You get one chance to make corrections to a FAILED assessment, if you pass an assessment you WILL NOT be able to improve your grade. ● After the drop dead date you will no longer be able to complete work for that unit, unless it is the only thing keeping you from passing at the end of the semester and in that case you would need to conference with me to create a plan for passing the standards. ● To earn Honors credit for this course your final grade must be a 3.5 or higher.
Grading Scale	<p>0= did not receive the assignment 1=incomplete, not enough evidence to assess 2=does not yet meet standard/learning target 3=meets standard/learning target 3.5=exceeds standard/learning target 4=master standard/learning target</p>

Course Completion Policy	At the end of this semester if you do not pass the class, but earn a 2.0 or higher, I will enter an Incomplete in the grade book for two weeks allowing you time to make corrections to earn credit. If you do not complete the work within that timeframe or finish class with a grade below a 2.0, you will need to retake the class to earn credit and you will not be eligible to earn honors credit.
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Late Work Policy	
Each unit will have a drop dead date, after that date I will not accept practices or assessments. If this is keeping you from passing at the end of the semester you will need to set up an appointment with me to create a plan for what you will need to do to pass.	

Honor's Retake/Reassessment Policy	
As an Honors student, the expectation is that you will demonstrate your understanding of content after completing all practice, utilizing the information available, taking thorough notes, asking questions, and participating in all discussions. It is expected that you will come into an assessment fully ready and completely prepared therefore, you will not be able to fix or retake assessments and still earn honors credit.	

Classroom Learning Expectations	
1	Be prepared for class. This means you have completed all assignments and are ready for discussions.
2	Attendance is a must in order to be successful in this class, much of this class is centered around in class activities and discussion. If you are a student who struggles to get to class on time you will see a huge impact in your ability to pass assessments. If you miss class you will be responsible for making an appointment with me either after school or Friday school to be taught material you miss.
3	All school rules will be enforced both in the classroom, this includes the use of cell phones and inappropriate language.
4	Please see me if you have any issues, questions, or concerns about the expectations or requirements to succeed in class.