**Civics and Economics Honors - New Bern High School**

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**Our Class Overview:**

Through the study of Civics and Economics, students will acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to become responsible and effective citizens in an interdependent world. Students will need a practical understanding of these systems of civics and economics that affect their lives as consumers and citizens. We will cover the state-established curriculum for citizenship and economic education, while examining current events to see how our learning unfolds in real life.

**Grading Scale:**

Tests/Projects: 40%

Homework/Classwork 30%

Quizzes 20%

Participation 10%

**Classroom Rules:**

* All Craven County and New Bern High School rules apply and must be followed. All Craven County and New Bern High School consequences apply in this class. Check your handbook.
* Follow teacher instructions and ALL procedures for class.
* Be respectful of others in class. This includes not talking when the teacher or another student is talking.
* No one will be dismissed until the floors are clean and everyone is in their seat.
* Students are to be on task and well behaved during class. Students should only be working on class assignments for civics and economics during class time.
* Students may have a drink in class only if the drink has a sealable lid. Drinks that can be spilled are not to be brought into the classroom. This includes milk cartons and soda cans. No food may be eaten in class.
* Use the honor code for tests, quizzes, and other assignments. Cheating will not be tolerated; I want to see YOUR work, YOUR effort, and YOUR ideas.
* The procedure for violating the above rules will be as follows: verbal warning – after class conference – phone call home – administrative action

**Additional Assistance:**

I am at school by 7:15 and am available after school for students that need additional assistance. Plans to come by before or after school should be arranged beforehand.

**Tardy/Absent:**

Students must report to class on time. Students will be considered tardy if they are not in their assigned seat when the bell rings. The first two times a student is tardy will be considered a warning. Upon the third tardy students will be referred to administration for ASD.

If you are absent it is your responsibility to make up your missed work. You must make up missed work due to absences within **five (5) days** of your return to school. After the five days the rules for late work apply. Formal assessments should be made up before school or after school in order to not miss additional instructional time. It is your responsibility to check the designated folder for any missed assignments and the whiteboard for any submitted assignments. You may also check with a peer from class or Mrs. Baxter to determine what was covered in class that day.

**Late Work:**

Late work will not be accepted for homework and/or classwork beyond two days after the due date. Late work will have points deducted for each day it is late. Projects not turned in at the designated time in class will be considered late. Late projects will not be accepted past the third day and will have 10% deducted for each late day.

**Textbook:**

The textbook used is Holt’s *Civics in Practice*. There is a classroom set of textbooks and each student will be provided and username and password to access the textbook online.

**Course of Study**

The course will consist of nine units integrating the North Carolina Essential Standards. For each unit students will be assigned vocabulary, comprehensive questions, a discussion board, as well as nightly homework. As an honors course the content, pace and academic rigor put high expectations on the student and surpass standards specified by the (N.C.S.C.S.) Such courses demand a greater independence and responsibility.

**Assessment and Final Exam:**

Students will have a unit test after each unit covered in class. Students will also have comprehensive three-week assessments in preparation for the NC Final Exam. Civics and Economics requires a state made exam at the end of the semester. The NC Final Exam counts for 25% of the students’ overall grade.

**Supplies:**

3 ring binder

Loose leaf paper

Pencils/pens

Spiral notebook