

# Civics

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## **Course Description:**

Required for all Juniors, this course will study the national government of the United States. It will focus on the different forms of government and terminology that is used in the field of government. It will also cover the U.S. Constitution and the three branches of the government of the United States. Early historical events and the role of political parties are also covered in this one semester course.

## **Course Outline:**

Class assignments will include worksheets, tests, and quizzes. This course is aligned to the Michigan Content Standards.

## **Course Requirements:**

Each student must attend one St. Louis City Council and one St. Louis School Board meeting per school year. This is a School Board Policy and If not completed will result in failure of Civics. A schedule will be provided and posted in the classroom.

## **Binders:**

You are expected to stay organized with your work in this class.

**YOUR BOOK IS NOT A FOLDER!** If you need a folder just ask the teacher.

## **Bell Work:**

Each day there will be an opening question on the board. As you come into class, please take your seat quietly and complete the questioning your warm-ups section of your binder. If you miss a day it is the students' responsibility to get the missed question. This is for a weekly grade

## **Hall Passes**

- Hall passes will be given in the event of an emergency, Use the bathroom before class.

## **Notes:**

Class notes are very important. Classroom assessments will be based on information from your textbook as well as notes within class. During class, you will be responsible for taking notes, completing worksheets, activities, etc. and organizing these in your binder. Keeping your notebook in good shape and keeping notes and homework in order **NOW** will save you a lot of time in the future.

## **Projects:**

There will be projects assigned for each chapter that we cover. They may require independent research, a written portion, visuals, or an oral presentation. Details will be provided when the individual project is assigned. The projects may be individual or group-oriented.

## **Absence Policy:**

**Makeup Work:** It is your responsibility to pick these assignments up upon return. **Please label absent work as ABSENT and place in the homework tray!**

**If you miss class due to an excused absence, you are responsible for any notes and assignments.**

- If you miss a quiz or test, you will need to contact me to make arrangements to come in before or after school and complete it.
- For lengthier absences, I will make arrangements with you on an individual basis.
- If you know that you will be missing a class period, you should ask for the day's assignment in advance and turn it in when you return to school.
- For school function assignments will need to be picked up before the absence.

**Late Work:**

- Assignment will be considered late after due date. After the due date, a max 50% will be given.

**Tardies:**

- Three tardies will result in **ONE** Hour afterschool detention. Three tardies also equal one absence.

**Extra Credit:**

- I do not offer extra credit.

**Grades:**

Marking Period grades are determined as follows: 50% by assessment grades (tests and quizzes), 30% activities and labs, and 20% will be determined by homework/classwork score (this may include activities graded on participation).

Quizzes and Tests	50%
Labs, Projects and Activities	30%
Homework and Daily Work	20%

Semester grades are determined as follows: each marking period grade is worth 45% of the final grade and the exam will be worth 10%. The semester grade determines pass/fail in the class, is used to calculate GPA, and is used to determine eligibility for scholarships/academic awards.

Marking Period	45%
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Exam	10%

**Grade Scale:**

93-100% A	83-86% B	73-76% C	63-66% D
90-92% A-	80-82% B-	70-72% C-	60-62% D-
87-89% B+	77-79% C+	67-69% D+	Below 60% F

**Classroom Rules and Expectations:**

1. When one person is talking, EVERYONE else is listening.
2. Mr. Burleson dismisses you, NOT the bell.
3. Students are to be working on the bell work at the ring of the bell.
4. Bring all books and materials to class
5. Show respect to others. Please be courteous, listen, and show respect to the teacher as well as other classmates. The same respect shall be given to you as well.
6. Show respect to the property in the room. If any lab equipment or class material is broken or damaged due to negligence or horseplay, a fine will be charged to the student at the end of the year.
7. Sit in your assigned seat daily
8. Please take care of bathroom, hunger, thirst, etc. ***before*** coming to class. ***No food or Gum*** in class, Water is Okay.

You should be prepared for class each day and bring the following items:

- Writing Utensil and Paper
- Any homework or assignment due that day
- Textbook
- Binder/Notes
- POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- OPEN MIND

**Electronic Devices**

- **Smart phones, tablets, and personal device are not allowed. Your chromebook are is the only device you will need in class. Please see SLHS School Board approved policy**

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(Please sign and return the following portion to the teacher.)

I agree to follow the policies and rules in Mr. Burleson's room for the 2018-2019 school year.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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(Student Signature)

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(Date)