

# Vision: To create an environment where our learners grow as individuals while gaining professional expertise and skills.

# Mission: To offer inspiration through advanced instruction and authentic experiences.

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Feel free to email me at <u>Taylor.Priester@henry.k12.ga.us</u> with any questions, comments, or concerns. Please allow 24 hours for a response. Conferences can be scheduled via the counselors between 7:45 and 8:15 am :)

#### Government

American Government focuses on the basic structure and purpose of the American government and how it impacts the lives of its citizens. Students learn history and political philosophy behind the American government, different influences on and methods of political participation, the structure and function of the three branches of government, the history of protecting civil liberties and rights in the United States, and a basic introduction to state and local governments.

#### **Economics**

Economics provides students with the basic vocabulary and theory of the study of the economy, the theories behind supply and demand, how economics applies to people on a personal level, the basic theories behind how a business runs in a capitalist economy, the role of government in the economy, an overview of macroeconomic, and international economics.

# \*\*Government and Economics are typically taken during a student's senior year in high school and will be completed in $\frac{1}{2}$ of a semester (9 weeks or less). Each course makes up its own, individual grade. Economics is REQUIRED for graduation!

### **Course Objectives**

AAS associates will

- Demonstrate mastery of each of the eight units in US Government and Politics: Fundamentals, the US Constitution, and Federalism, the 3 branches of Government, Civil Rights/Liberties and State/Local Government.
- Demonstrate industry-recognized employability skills
- Explore Government and legal careers,
- Analyze how different cultures impact our government
- Utilize conflict resolution to effectively resolve issues in Government

- Describe the structure and interaction of the three branches of the US Government.
- Investigate legal and ethical responsibilities associated with professions in Government
- Demonstrate mastery of each of the five units in Economics: Fundamentals, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Economics, and Personal Finance.
- Demonstrate industry-recognized employability skills
- Explore Economic and financial industry careers,
- Analyze how different cultures impact Economics
- Utilize conflict resolution to effectively resolve issues in Economics
- Describe the structure and interaction of the Federal Reserve, the Treasury Department, and the Banking system.
- Investigate legal and ethical responsibilities associated with professions in Economics

# **Required Supplies**

- Fully charged Chromebook
- Chromebook charger
- Loose-leaf paper
- Writing utensil

### **Expectations for Academic Success**

- Attend class daily.
- Be prepared for class.
- Respect yourself and others.
- Ask questions.
- Contribute new ideas.
- Work hard, and give your best effort.
- NO PHONES

#### **Grade Calculation**

Summative Assessments = 40%	Formative Assessments = 40%
<ul> <li>Authentic learning projects, exams,</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Practice Work: classwork, homework,</li></ul>
presentations, essays, labs	quizzes, labs, employability skills

### Culminating Final Exam/Project = 20%

All courses will have a culminating exam or project that assesses associate learning of the semester's course content. This exam/project will be 20% of the overall course grade.

### Attendance

Your presence in class matters.

#### Make-up Work

Absent associates are required to contact the instructor for make-up work. The associate will have the same number of days as they were absent to complete the make-up work.

#### Late Work Policy

- All late work will receive a 5 point deduction for each day that an assignment is late. After 5 days, the highest grade that can be earned is 50%.
- Late work for each unit will be accepted up until the next unit test is completed. For example, assignments from Unit 1 will no longer be accepted after the Unit 2 test is taken.

# **Career and Technical Student Organizations [CTSOs]**

In addition to course integration, we will have a once-per-month activity schedule where associates can participate in their CTSOs.