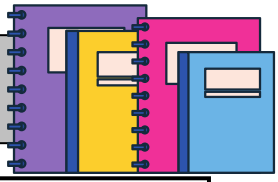
Civics Syllabus

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Course Description

Welcome to 10th Grade Civics! During this semester-long course, you will learn about the structure and functions of government, the rights and responsibilities of citizens, and the principles of democracy. Together, we will explore how laws are made, the roles of different branches of government, and the importance of civic participation. Additionally, you will study the Constitution, landmark Supreme Court cases, and the electoral college process, gaining a deeper understanding of how you can actively engage in our local, state and federal governments.

Supplies: Pencil/Pen, Charged Chromebook





Grading Scale			
A	100 - 93%	C	76 - 73%
A-	92 - 90%	C-	72 - 70%
B+	89 - 87%	D+	69 - 67%
B	86 - 83%	D	66 - 63%
B-	82-80%	D-	62 - 60%
C+	79 - 77%	E	59 % and below



How Grading Works

Overall: Grades are based on participation, assignments, quizzes, and exams. Points will be earned for each activity. At the end of the quarter, accumulated points will be divided by the total possible points. The percentage will be the letter grade earned. Note, quarterly exams are worth 20% of the quarter grade.

Late/Missing Work: Late assignments will be accepted ONLY until the end of the unit. In addition, the late assignment grade may be reduced by 10%.

Test Retakes: Test retakes will be allowed only if students can show all completed notes and assignments for that unit. The higher test score will be entered in the grade book. Note - the retake test will differ from the original.

Absences: Students are responsible to gather and complete all work missed. All digital materials will be posted on Google Classroom and all paper materials will be in the classroom file folder for the date they missed. Students will be given one full school day, for each day absent, to make up any work.

Classroom Procedures & Expectations



Entering Class

- Have your Chromebook, something to write with, and pick up any materials stored in the classroom.
- Look at the board for questions on what we will be doing today.
- Be in your seat when the bell rings.



During Class

- Stay in your assigned seat.
- Do not get up from your seat unnecessarily during class.
  - Sharpen pencil before bell rings
  - Keep trash at your desk until the end of the period

Food / Drink / Gum



- Snacking and drinking in class is permitted.
  - You must clean up after yourself.
  - You must bring items to class - you will not be allowed to leave class to get drinks/snacks.
  - If eating or drinking in class becomes a noise, behavior, or cleanliness issue, all privileges will end for class period. End of discussion.

Leaving Class



- Put away any materials used during class.
- Do not gather by the door.
  - If you must stand, stand by your desk.
  - Pick up any trash near your desk and throw it out on your way out of class.

Chromebook



- Chromebooks will be used for classwork ONLY.
- Use headphones whenever sound will be played.
  - Headphones must be wired.
  - If you don't want to share headphones, bring your own to class.

Hall Pass

- Use the restroom between classes.
- No passes the first and last 10 minutes of class.
- Use Smartpass sign out / sign in any time you leave the room.



Textbook - Civics: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - 2018

Quarter 1 Topics	Quarter 2 Topics
What is citizenship?	The Bill of Rights & Amendments
Who is a Citizen?	Legislative Branch
Foundational Documents and Philosophers	Executive Branch
Declaration of Independence	Judicial Branch
The Constitutional Convention	Elections and Political Parties
	U.S. Foreign and Domestic Policy

Michigan State Standards for Civics is the guide used for all topic content.