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Welcome to Economics. This class is required for graduation by the state of California. If you show up to class and pay attention, and you do your work, you should pass this class without a problem. The objective of this course will not only be to teach students about the basics of economics but also to explore the complexities of economic theory and the practical applications that economics has in everyday life. You can expect this course to be rigorous. As seniors, a large amount of responsibility is placed upon you for your learning. You can expect to have assigned readings and note-taking most nights and a unit exam roughly every three weeks, and the occasional quiz thrown in for good measure. If you don't keep up with reading and notes you are likely to struggle. I love economics, I love teaching, and I look forward to a great semester.

Class Website

This class will be run in conjunction with a website for convenience on both my end and yours. Assignments and some lectures will be posted to the website for students to download using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint (standard with Microsoft Office). If a student misses class for any reason it is the **STUDENT'S** responsibility to check for the assignments and notes that they missed.

Class Participation

For this class to be as successful as possible it is going to require your help. Every student plays an important role in the development of ideas that we discuss. Therefore, class participation is significant. I expect all students to participate in class in a variety of ways including: volunteering to read, answering questions, and offering opinions. I understand that some students are not as comfortable with this as others, but it is still something that is important and needs to happen (remember: you're not doing it for me, you're doing it for the good of the class).

Classroom Rules and Expectations

As a high school student and seniors you need to conduct yourself with the utmost respect for those around you and for yourself. This includes:

All students will respect other students, the teacher, and their property.

All students have a right to their own opinion and will express those opinions respectfully.

All students will respect the opinions of others, even if they do not agree with them.

All students will be on time to class, everyday.

All students will come to class prepared having completed assigned readings and assignments, everyday.

All students will come to class with an open mind ready to learn.

Grading Procedures

Students will be graded using a variety of methods including assignments, quizzes, exams, projects and participation. Students should arrive everyday having completed all assigned readings and assignments and be prepared to participate. Grading scale will be as follows:

100 - 90 % = A

89 – 80 % = B

79 – 70 % = C

69 – 60 % = D

59 % and below = F

Assignments and homework will be graded for completion and accuracy and will be expected on a regular basis, unless otherwise specified.

Submission of assignments past due dates is not acceptable. Students are expected to complete assignments in a timely manner. All work is due on the date specified (except for excused absences). Extenuating circumstances will be evaluated at my discretion. If an assignment is accepted, teachers have the right to deduct points. This does not affect excused absences which are governed by district policy.

*A major assignment, such as an essay or other project which is given to you with 5 or more days of advance notice is due on the date assigned. If you are absent, someone must hand it in on that day (in my mailbox or via email). **An excused absence does not mean the assignment is not due.**

Recommended Materials

It would benefit students to have each of the following items in order to be successful in class:

Class text: *Economics: Principles in Action*

Spiral Notebook (college ruled)

Pens, pencils

Calculator

Absences

Assignments are due the day after they are assigned unless otherwise specified. Students with excused absences have one day for each day they are absent from their return to turn in assignments they missed. Extensions are at the teacher's discretion. **No late work will be accepted for unexcused absences. Additionally, projects, papers, or other long term assignments that are given more than a week in advance are due on the day specified, regardless of if you are in school or not.** If you know you are going to be absent, or if you are sick, it is your responsibility to submit your assignment via email to me or to have a family member / friend submit for you.

Tardiness

Rim of the Word High school places great importance on timeliness. Therefore, classroom tardiness will be dealt with in the same manner as any other violation of classroom rules. Students need to be inside the classroom and preparing for the class when the bell rings. I do understand that there are occasions when you may be late to class for whatever reasons.

Please be respectful and courteous and sign in when you do enter the classroom late and DO NOT DISRUPT the learning environment.

Tardy #1: Verbal Warning

Tardy #2: Warning/ Parent Notification

Tardy #3: 20 minute Detention: Before School or Lunch/ Parent Notification

Tardy #4: Referral

Food and Beverage

Food is not permitted inside the class, and water is the only acceptable beverage. Gum is tolerated as long as it is not being abused. Teacher discretion will determine allowance of gum.

Cell Phones / iPods

Cell phones and iPods, or other electronic devices, are not permitted during class unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.

Cheating/ Plagiarism

Cheating and plagiarism undermine the validity of the grades earned by every other student.

Any form of cheating or plagiarism will result in an automatic zero on the assignment and a referral to the office. If two identical assignments are turned in, BOTH students will receive a zero.