



City Honors School

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Participation in Government/Economics Syllabus

Welcome to Economics and Participation in Government! I am very excited to work with you and know that we are going to have a wonderful school year! Please read the information on this sheet and contact me with questions.

Description of Participation in Government/Economics

In this course, students will study both economics and participation in government. The course in economics includes the basic economic concepts and understandings which all persons need to function effectively and intelligently as citizens and participants in the economy of the United States and the world. The participation in government course emphasizes the interaction between citizens and government at all levels – local, state, and federal. The development of student participation in the processes of government is stressed.

In self-contained social studies, the goal is to improve students’ knowledge of history while teaching students life skills such as research, reading comprehension, map analysis, and organization. All skills are aligned with the New York State standards and Common Core Standards in reading and writing. Each student’s social studies education will be tailored to his/her IEP goals and individual needs.

Detailed Outline of School Year

Below is an outline of the material the students and I will cover this school year:

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| Unit 1 – Understanding the Office of a Citizen | Unit 6 – Introduction to Economics |
| Unit 2 – The Constitution and the Supreme Court | Unit 7 – American Economy |
| Unit 3 – Policy Making | Unit 8 – National Economy |
| Unit 4 – Public Policy Research | Unit 9 – The Economy in Today’s World |
| Unit 5 – Participation in Government | Unit 10 – Personal Economy |

Required Materials

- 1.5 inch binder
- Pencil Pouch
- Pens/pencils





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Classroom Expectations

1. All students are expected to follow the classroom rules:
 - a. Arrive on time
 - b. Maintain a positive attitude
 - c. Pay attention and raise your hand
 - d. Arrive prepared for class
 - e. Complete all work on time
 - f. Give all work your best effort

Grading Procedure

Grading will be based on participation, classwork, homework, tests, quizzes, and projects. Daily participation points will be calculated. Students are able to earn two points per day when focused, prepared and hardworking. . Students are expected to participate in class to the best of their ability. All students are unique in their levels of social ability and those differences will be taken into account when participation grades are given. Final grades are calculated by adding a student's score on all graded items together and dividing the student's score by the maximum possible points.

Student grades will be posted daily on Infinite Campus. In order to access your child's grades an username and password has been created for your child through the Buffalo Public School District. If you are unaware of your username or password, please contact the Office of Parent Engagement at 716-816-3966.

Communication

1. Telephone
 - a. The phone number for City Honors School is 716-816-4230. I am available before school from 7:55 – 8:20 and after school from 2:20 – 3:00. If I do not answer the telephone, please leave a message and I will return your phone call as soon as possible.
2. Email
 - a. My email address is bgillotti@buffaloschools.org. Please feel email me with any questions, comments or concerns and I will respond as soon as possible.
3. STARS Website
 - a. Important notices, homework assignments, upcoming tests, quizzes and projects are posted on my classroom website weekly. The website address is <http://buffaloschools.org/webpages/gillotti/>.
4. Remind
 - a. Remind is a messaging tool that enables me to send messages to parents through text messaging or the Remind app with important updates. Parents are able to respond and communicate with me via text messaging or the Remind app. To sign up, please follow the directions on the following page.





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Trouble using 81010? Try texting @cbbg6 to (716) 748-7839 instead.



Extra Help

I am available **before** school Monday-Friday from 7:55 to 8:20 or **after** school Monday and Wednesday from 2:20 – 3:30 to provide students with extra help. Students must make appointments to see me.

Additional Information

1. Students will write any homework assignments, tests or quizzes in their school planners. Please check their planners daily as I will use this as a tool to communicate with parents about upcoming assignments, quizzes, tests and projects.
2. Students will be provided a folder that will be used to take ONLY social studies materials to school and home.
3. Homework will be assigned 4-5 times a week. Students will be expected to turn in the homework the following school day.
4. Late assignments will be accepted up to one week from the date due. Students will lose one point per day an assignment is late unless otherwise specified. If an assignment is not turned in one week from the due date, students will serve a lunch detention to complete the assignment.

