



## Utica High School

RR Government & Economics

Mrs. Fairbanks (Rm# 107)

### Course Description

Extends the student's proficiency in social studies of U.S. Government and other forms of government around the world.

### Grading Policy

Each student's grade will be determined by the following criteria:

- \* Classwork/Quizzes ..... 5-25 pts.
- \* Tests .....50-100 pts.
- \* Folder Check ..... 50 pts.
- \* Nine Week Assessments ..... 100 pts.
- \* Participation (daily grade) .....1 pts.

<b><u>Grading Scale:</u></b>
90 – 100 = A
80 – 89 = B
70 – 79 = C
60 – 69 = D
0 – 59 = F

<b><u>Class Rules:</u></b>
Be Respectful
Be Prepared
Be on time
Be Attentive
Be Nice!!!!

### Class Procedures

1. Make sure your name is on all assignments.
2. If you are absent, please make up your work in a timely manner.
3. Be in your seat at the beginning of class.
4. Focus during class discussion and work on assignments when time is given.
5. Keep your notebook organized and up to date.
6. Mrs. Fairbanks dismisses class, not the bell.

### iPads

\*Students are required to bring their iPads to class daily. We will be using them for daily class assignments, test & quizzes, research, PowerPoint presentations, and more.

## Attendance

**Tardiness:** Students are expected to arrive on time for class. A student who has been tardy to class for a third time in a grading period will receive a lunch detention and will be reported to the office. The fourth tardy receives a Wednesday detention. A fifth tardy in a grading period receives a referral to the office for a Saturday School, In-School Suspension, or Suspension.

**Absences:** Make up work due to an excused absence must be made up promptly. The time allotted for makeup work shall not exceed one day more than the period of absence. **It is the responsibility of the pupil to arrange for and to complete the necessary work.** Work missed through truancy or unexcused absence cannot be accepted for credit.

## Homework & Classroom Assignment Policy

- \* Assignments must be completed in **black** or **blue** pen or pencil only
- \* Returned assignments are to be organized in your folder
- \* Assignments must be turned in on time for full credit

## Cheating

- \* Cheating includes: plagiarism, copying someone else's work or allowing someone to copy your work.
- \* First offense receives a zero on the assignment, quiz or test.
- \* Second Offense will be reported to the office and disciplinary action will take place.

## Denial of Credit Policy

\* **Full-year course:** Any student who accrues non-professional absences in excess of four (4) days in a nine week period eight (8) days in a semester-long class and/or sixteen (16) days in a year-long class will be subject to receive zeroes on assignments for every additional day of non-professional absence for the remainder of the 9 weeks for each class that this takes place. Each new nine weeks every student will begin with a clean slate with regard to period attendance.

## General Rules

- Gum is permitted as long as it is not seen or heard
- Sleeping in class is unacceptable!
- Students are to stay seated throughout the lesson unless otherwise instructed
- Do not leave trash in the classroom, offenders will be given lunch detentions

- You must have a pass from another teacher if you need to leave the room to take a test, turn in an assignment, etc...

## Use of Technology

- iPads are to be brought to class every day
- **NO GAMES** are to be played on your iPad during class
- Make sure that your iPad is charged at the beginning of class, this classroom is not a charging station
- Cell phones are not to be used in class for any reason, no exceptions!
- No ear-buds or headphones are to be used during call unless permission is given

**Remember...**when you make poor choices, **you** are choosing the consequences associated with those poor choices!!!

## Course Outline

(The course will consist of pre-tests, workbook activities, vocabulary words, group assignments, participation, notebook checks, quizzes and test for each section)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks

#### Student Learning Objective Pre-Test (Pre-test given at the beginning of the course)

#### What is Government?

- Class orientation/rules/syllabus/expectations
- Government **pre-test** (No grade given)
- What is government?
- Why do we have government?
- Types of Governments
- Powers of Government
- Government Terms

## **Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution**

**Chapter 2** Creation of American Government

**Chapter 3** A Look at the Constitution

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks**

#### **Civic Involvement**

**Chapter 11** Political Parties

## **Structure & Function of the Federal Government**

**Chapter 5** The Executive Branch

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks**

## **Structure & Function of the Federal Government**

**Chapter 4** The Legislative Branch

**Chapter 8** The Judicial Branch

#### **Role of the People**

**Chapter 12** Citizenship

## **Government & the Economy**

**Chapter 13** American Economics

**Chapter 10** Local Government

**Student Learning Objective Post-Test**  
**(Post-test given at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr.)**

## **Economics**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks**

## **Fundamentals of Economics**

**Chapter 1** What is Economic?

## **Working & Earning**

**Chapter 9** Workers & Wages

## **Decision Making & Skills**

**Chapter 14** Managing Money

## **Government & the Economy**

**Chapter 12** The Federal Reserve System