

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Bring materials (paper, pen/pencil, binder, book, assignments) to the classroom every day.
2. Use language that is appropriate for the classroom.
3. Be honest in the classroom. We will follow the school's honesty policy.
4. Be courteous to your fellow pupils and the teacher during class. If you have a problem, talk to the teacher before or after class.
5. Be responsible for getting missed assignments. Ask a friend or the teacher before or after class.
6. Help keep the classroom clean. Pick up all the trash around your desk.
7. Arrive to class in a timely manner. We will follow the school's tardy policy (detentions, Saturday Schools, etc.).
8. Class ends when the teacher is finished, not when the bell rings. Do not clean up until you are told to do so.
9. Do all classroom work. Learning in the classroom is not optional. You must listen, participate, take notes, and anything else that I ask of you.
10. Use common sense in the classroom.

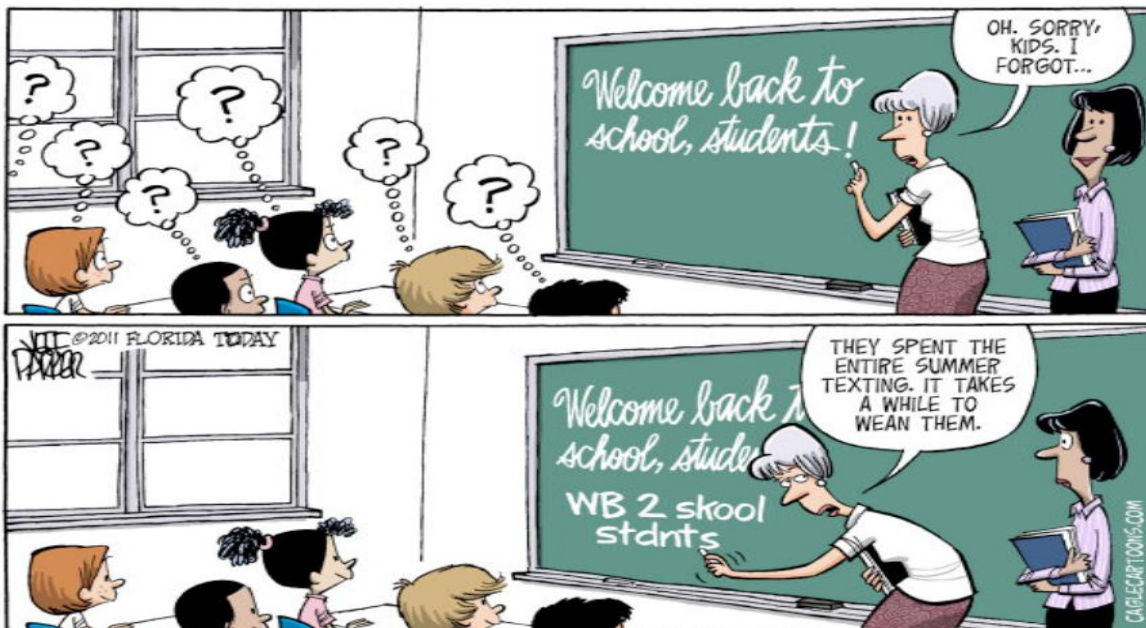
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE CLASSROOM RULES MAY RESULT IN COUNSELING, DETENTION, SUSPENSION, OR ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINE.

- ◆ Questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Jerry Perez ◆
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Student name _____ ◆ Signature _____ ◆ Date _____

Parent name _____ ◆ Signature _____ ◆ Date _____

Parent phone # _____ ◆ Parent e-mail _____



ECONOMICS AND AP GOVERNMENT

Econ Course Description: Students in grade twelve will master fundamental economic concepts, applying the tools (graphs, statistics, equations) from other-subject areas to the understanding of operations and institutions of economic systems. **THIS IS AN ACCELERATED CLASS THAT WILL BE COMPLETED IN APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TO NINE WEEKS. THIS CLASS IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

Grades: Students will be graded on homework, tests, quizzes, writing assignments (usually short essays), and participation. The grading scale is as follows: 100%-90%=A, 89%-80%=B, 79%-70%=C, 69%-60%=D, and 59% or below=F.

Homework: Homework is given an average of 3 days a week (writing or reading). Homework assignments must be complete for a student to receive full credit. If the student is in class on the day an assignment is due, the homework must be turned in at the **BEGINNING** of the period. If a student has an excused tardy, they must turn in the assignment that period. **LATE WORK IS NOT ACCEPTED.**

Makeup Work: Students are required to turn in assignments when they are due. If the student is absent on the day an assignment is due, it is the student's responsibility to turn it in the next day they are in class. Students will be permitted to make up missed school assignments when they have an excused absence. Students will be allowed two school days for each day of absence to make up the work. The teacher may extend the time for makeup. Responsibility for requesting missed work lies with the student. Upon satisfactory completion, within the given time frame, the student will be given credit earned.

Quizzes and Tests: Quizzes and tests are given for each unit of study. Students are allowed to take quizzes/tests only once for credit. If a student is absent on the day of a quiz/test, it is his/her responsibility to make up that quiz/test within five school days of the original date of the quiz/test. Failure to make up the assigned quiz/test within five school days will result in a grade reduction of 10% for that quiz/test. Failure to make up the assigned quiz/test within ten school days will result in a grade of a zero for that quiz/test.

Attendance: It is important that the student be in class every day so that he/she can stay on top of all the work that is done in class. If the student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to contact the teacher or ask a friend for the work. The daily calendar can be accessed from Mr. Perez's website.

Cheating: Honesty is very important and emphasized in this classroom. I expect students to do their own work. At no time is copying or sharing assignments appropriate. **YOUR INTEGRITY SUPERSEDES THE QUEST FOR POINTS.** School and district policy in regards to cheating/plagiarism will be followed. More importantly, your name is your honor. Both the giver and the receiver of class work share culpability. In addition, witnessing or knowledge of cheating/plagiarism adversely affects both individuals and the class. Reporting incidents is part of your social responsibility. I expect you to behave responsibly and with honor.

Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices: Students may not use their cell phone during instructional time unless given permission by the teacher. **Otherwise, if a phone or electronic device is seen, heard, or used, it will be confiscated and can only be picked up by a parent.**

Need Help?: I am available almost every day at lunch and on Wednesdays and Fridays during homeroom. If a student needs additional help, I encourage him/her to talk to me as soon as possible. I will try to make arrangements to help those who are struggling (if you are struggling that means that at least you are trying) or having a difficult day/week. I can't help a student who does not talk to me. I am more than willing to talk to parents/guardians (or meet with them). In fact, I appreciate a parent/guardian that is concerned about the education of his/her child. If we communicate, all of us will feel more at ease.

AP Gov Course Description: AP Government and Politics is a college-level course designed for students with strong ability and interest in social studies who want an in-depth political science course using advanced analytical and educational skills. Students successfully completing this course can take the Advanced Placement test for possible college credit. The course will cover political and economic theory, the processes and institutions of federal, state, and local government, the influence of public opinion and media, and civil rights and civil liberties. Current political issues will also be discussed at length. **THIS CLASS IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

Grades: Students will be graded on daily notes, daily quizzes, free-response questions, vocabulary quizzes, tests, participation, and a final.

The breakdown for grades:

Daily quizzes	–	30%
Vocab quizzes	–	10%
Tests	–	40%
Final exam	–	10%
Participation	–	10%

The grading scale is as follows: 100%-90%=A, 89%-80%=B, 79%-70%=C, 69%-60%=D, and 59% or below=F.

Homework: Homework needs to be done on a nightly basis. It is always in the form of reading (and taking notes) or studying. Students must take notes for they can be used on most daily quizzes and practice free response questions. **ONLY HANDWRITTEN NOTES CAN BE USED ON QUIZZES.**

Quizzes and Tests: Quizzes are given on a daily basis. Chapter vocabulary quizzes are given at the completion of each chapter. Tests are given for each unit of study and include a multiple choice section and free-response question. The final exam is a comprehensive final that students will be take in late April prior to the AP exam. Students are allowed to take quizzes/tests only once for credit. If a student is absent on the day of a quiz/test, it is his/her responsibility to make up that quiz/test. Failure to make up an assigned quiz/test will result in a grade of zero for that quiz/test.