



Liberty Middle School

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7th Grade Civics Mr. Casey Smith

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| Classroom Digital Platforms | Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/2101 Schoology Link: https://madisoncity.schoology.com/ Distribution List Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/2101 |
| Textbook Information | <i>Building Citizenship: Civics and Economics</i> - McGraw Hill |
| Course Description | 9 Weeks Course In this course students explore the role of citizenship in the United States. The curriculum addresses representative democracy, law, personal economics, and civil responsibility. |
| Course Objectives | 9 Weeks Course The goal of this course is to create an environment for students to become competent citizens committed to the fundamental values and principles of the constitutional democracy, which established the republic of the United States of America. This nine-weeks course will provide numerous opportunities to achieve the objective of being informed and responsible citizens. Students will be able to respectfully engage critically and constructively in a dialogue of ideas through class discussion, small group assignments, and project-based learning. |
| Course Outline | Unit 1: American Citizenship and Governments Unit 2: American Colonies and the Declaration of Independence Unit 3: The Constitution and 3 Branches of Government Unit 4: The Bill of Rights and the Civil War Amendments Unit 5: Personal Finance <i>*Subject to change</i> |
| Classroom Expectations | 1. Come to class on time, prepared with all materials, and in your seat actively working. 2. Take notes from readings, lectures, and class discussions. 3. Participate actively in class discussions and activities. 4. Respect yourself, each other, the teacher, and our classroom. 5. Follow all procedures/policies as outlined in LMS and Madison City Handbook. |
| Progressive Discipline <i>(LMS Policy)</i> | Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral |
| Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i> | 60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation) 70% = High School Credit Assessments 30% = High School Daily Grade Testing days = Tuesday/Thursday |
| Late Work Policy | Late work will be accepted for 1 letter deduction until the end of the unit. After the unit ends, late work will be accepted for up to a 3 letter grade deduction until report cards for that 9 weeks are finalized. Projects turned in after the deadline, will receive a letter grade deduction per day late not to exceed 3 days. |

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| | Late work will be graded once the student completes the Incomplete/Late work Google Form . |
| Make-up Work/Test Policy | Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests). Many times, missed quizzes and tests can be made up during school. |
| Technology | Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at individual discretion of the teacher. |
| Accommodations | Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents. |
| Materials & Supplies | Chromebook Spiral Notebook Colored Pencils/Markers Assorted Highlighters Sticky Notes Index Cards Pencils/Pens |
| Homework | Students are allotted time in class to complete assignments. In the event that a student is absent or does not finish during class time, they will need to complete the assignment for homework. |
| Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form | <i>Please check the box located on the distribution list Google Form that you have read and understand the syllabus. You can locate this form on my LMS teacher page.</i> |

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