

Early College High School
Social Studies Dept.

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Personal Financial Literacy

Course Requirement/Syllabus Addendum

Course Description:

This course outlines necessary financial information students need to be successful in their adult lives, whatever their future career may be. The course will cover important information about taxes, debt, and budgeting. It will also cover retirement planning and Social Security, and how young people can prepare for issues such as retirement and unexpected expenses at an early age.

Materials needed:

#2 pencils
Pens-blue or black ink
Highlighters in the color of your choice
1 inch three-ring binder
Loose-leaf paper (wide or college ruled)

Reliable internet access; ECHS can provide a Chromebook and/or a MiFi for connectivity.

Grading Policy:

100% of the grade for this class will come from the mastery quizzes, assignments, and discussions in Edmentum. The current and total grade will be visible in Edmentum, and those grades will be transferred to TEAMS for progress reports and report cards

Late Assignment Policy:

This class will follow the district policy for late assignments.
Students need to proactively message me for extensions if needed.

Makeup Assignments and Exams:

Students who are absent will have the number of days absent plus one day to complete makeup work.

Important dates:

All mastery quizzes and test due dates will be available on Edmentum. I will notify the class about any date changes.

Reteach/Retest:

Students will need to message me about retesting. In order to retest, the student must complete the tutorial portion of the unit again.

Cheating/Plagiarism/Academic dishonesty:

Cheating and Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating on an exam will receive a zero for that exam. The student's parents will be notified, and a referral will be sent to Ms. Pharis to document the incident of cheating or plagiarism.

Extra Credit:

No extra credit will be offered in this course. I have two reasons for this policy: I do not want to see students blowing off their actual assignments with the assumption that they can bump their grade back up later with extra credit. Furthermore, I do not want a situation to arise where students are receiving credit for something completely unrelated to the coursework (an issue I frequently witnessed throughout my own time in high school and college).

General Rules (for face-to-face learning):

Be in class on time, with the materials expected of you.

Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

Treat your classmates with respect - mocking other students, referring to people with slurs, and gossiping about students not in the room will not be tolerated.

Keep the classroom clean - gum is allowed to be in two places: Your mouth, and the trash can.

Any other rubbish you make during class needs to be in the trash can by the time you leave.

Otherwise, expect that all district and campus rules will be enforced in this class.

Zoom Etiquette (in the event we have to switch to virtual):

When on a Zoom meeting with Ms. Simon and the Financial Literacy class, there are certain rules that you must follow to continue to participate. They are easy to follow and generally apply in all of your classes. They are as follows:

Have your camera on at all times. Have your camera bright enough that you can actually be seen, and actually pointed at you.

Name yourself as your legal first and last name. Nicknames, initials, emojis, or having just your first or just your last name will not be permitted.

Mute your microphone upon entry to the meeting. Only turn your microphone when specifically given the opportunity to.

Dress appropriately for the meeting. This means you should wear a shirt that actually covers.

Communicating with Ms. Simon:

My preferred method of contacting parents for major announcements is through email. I check my email multiple times a day, and attempt to respond promptly. I can also be contacted through the messaging system on Edmentum, but I will not respond as fast as I do to email.

I can be reached by phone during my conference periods.

My MWF conference is 5th period, 1:30 - 2:40. My TTh conference is 8th period, 1:00 - 2:40.