

**Economics Syllabus**  
**School Year 2015-2016**  
**Lithia Springs High School**

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**Course Description:**

Economics is a study of the American economy and the ideas and theories of American Capitalism. The purpose of this course is to give students the knowledge and skills necessary to function as a responsible citizen and consumer in our global society. The basic economics concepts taught in this course will prepare students to make economic decisions including, but not limited to scarcity, supply, demand, economic performance, international trade, etc.

**Performance Standards/Objectives:**

If you would like to see the Georgia Performance Standards for Economics, they are located on-line at:  
<http://www.georgiastandards.org/socialstudies.asp>

**Anticipated Classroom Format:**

The format in this class will vary from day to day in an attempt to cater to all students and their learning styles. Various teaching methods will include lecture, individual and group activities, writing activities, various simulations, and reading assignments. Other methods may also be utilized should the instructors decide that method is the best possible way to explain subject material to students in a way they can learn and understand it.

**Strategies for Student Learning:**

Through various instructional strategies, the student will develop skills and acquire content material necessary for passing the EOCT. Students will develop an understanding of Micro/Macro and international economics and how these concepts apply to real world applications.

**Curriculum:**

This class will be divided into 5 units. The following material will be covered in class

- Unit 1 Fundamental Concepts  
SSEF 1-6
- Unit 2 Personal Finance  
SSEPF 1-6
- Unit 3 Microeconomics  
SSEMI 1-4
- Unit 4 Macroeconomics  
SSEMA 1-3
- Unit 5 International Economics  
SSEIN 1-3

**Required Materials:**

Students are required to bring the following items to class each day:

1. 3 Ring Notebook
2. Pen/Pencil
3. Paper

Students are responsible for purchasing all the items listed above. If you are unable to do so, please see either of us as soon as possible for alternate arrangements.

**Lithia Springs High School House Rules :**

1. Always be on time and prepared to learn.
2. Passes will not be issued during the last 10 minutes of class.
3. Hats, hoods, headbands, and/or head garments of any kind are not to be worn in the school building.
4. Electronic devices, including phones, iPods, ear buds, etc., are not permitted during the school day. All electronic devices must remain off and out of sight or they may be confiscated. Confiscated items will only be returned to legal parent/guardian.
5. Please stay in your class and in your seat until the bell rings.

6. Thank you for assisting in keeping our high school clean by picking up around your area and throwing your trash away. This is particularly vital in the vital area.

**Attendance/Tardiness Policy:**

Students are expected to be in class every day in order to understand all concepts in Economics. Students who are absent need to turn in excuses to the Attendance Office in order to not be penalized for their absences. Students will be considered tardy to class if they are not passed the classroom's door's threshold by the time the bell rings. Being tardy will result in an infraction.

**Consequences:**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Department Detention and Parental Contact

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Department Detention, Behavioral Analysis Assignment and Parental Contact

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Department Detention, Behavioral Analysis Assignment and Parent Conference

4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Administrative Referral

**Grading Policy:**

Task Type	Percentage
Summative Assignments	50%
Formative Assignments	30%
Final Exam/SLO	20%
Total	100%

**The grading scale for this course**

**is:**

90-100=A

80-89=B

74-79= C

70 -73 = D

Below 70= F

**Late and Make- Up Work:**

There may or may not be a penalty for late work depending on the assignment and the reason you were absent. You are required to get an absence slip from your 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher when you are absent and show all of your teachers upon your return.

**CDA Policy:**

Douglas County Schools has established an assessment plan to provide a consistent measure of student progress across the county. Economics has common district assessments (CDAs) that students are required to take as part of their assessment grades. The CDA scores will be counted as a regular test grade.

**End Of Course Test:**

At the end of this school year there will be an end of course test. This test is 20% of your final grade.

**Grade Updates/Incomplete Grades:**

Grades will be update at least every two weeks in the Student Information System. Incompletes are awarded to students who did not complete their End of Course Test upon finishing the course, did not complete their final exam, and/or have major grades missing due to an unexpected absence or illness.

**Cheating:**

CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM!!!! Cheating includes copying another person's work on a test, class work, or homework as well as PLAGERISM. REMEMBER, LETTING A CLASSMATE COPY YOUR WORK OR COPYING A CLASSMATE'S WORK IS CHEATING!

**A Word to the Wise:**

THIS CLASS IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION!!!! Economics is an enjoyable but intensive class. It requires 110% of your effort. Be prepared to work very hard this year. If you feel you are falling behind or don't understand a topic, please see me before it is too late.

