DeLand High School
Course Syllabus - Economics/Government
Mr. Dowdell

I) Class Rules
A) Follow Teacher’s instructions first time given.
B) Be on time, prepared for class, stay on task.
C) Show respect to teacher, classroom, and fellow students.
D) Raise your hand before speaking or answering questions.
E) NO FOOD OR DRINK in the classroom (bottled water is okay).
F) NO CELL PHONES.

*Take responsibility for your actions without complaint!

II) Grading Policies
A) Calculation of student Grades
   1) Summative Assmnts: Unit Exams, Select Projects, Notebooks (Honors=Formative) = 60%
   2) Formative Assmnts: Section Tests, Select Home/Class work, Select Projects = 40%
   3) Diagnostics Assessments = 0%
   *This course meets the State’s Financial Literacy requirement.
B) Mastery Requirement
   1) Semester grades will be the average of each 9-week grade period by percentage.
   2) Students who pass the End-Of-Course Exam and have passed either nine week period with at least 70% C can have their overall grade overridden to a passing mark.
   3) Students will take a comprehensive pre- and post-test to determine overall growth.
C) Make-Up and Retake Policy
   1) Students will need to get any missed work from a fellow student when they are absent.
   2) Students may turn in late work for full credit according to the school’s make-up policy.
   3) Work with a pre-established due date must be turned in on the day the student returns.
   4) Missed Tests/Exams must be made up during the student’s lunch within one week!
   *It is the STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to get and complete make up work!
   5) Students who wish to retake a summative examination will need to remediate prior lessons as determined by the teacher in advance. Summatives must be retaken before grade period ends.

III) Class Procedures
A) Tardy Policy: First 4 Tardies (within 5-minutes) recorded then referrals; Over 5-minutes late=Skipping.
B) All work must have the student’s NAME, the date, and the Period in the upper right corner.
C) Hall Passes will not be given with the exception of a legitimate emergency. Students with medical conditions should contact the school clinic to make alternative arrangements.
D) Contact Information: Parents wishing to get an update about their student’s performance in the course can email me in the morning every Friday at cjdowdel@volusia.k12.fl.us

IV) Course Topics
A) Financial Literacy/Basics of Governance
B) America’s Free Enterprise System/American Political System
C) Supply and Demand/Legislative Branch
D) Theory of the Firm/Executive Branch
E) Economic Performance/Judicial Branch
F) The Role of Government/Individual and States’ Rights

Parent Acknowledgement of Syllabus and Contact Information

Parent/Guardian _____________________________________ Student ____________________________________________

Phone Number _______________________________ Email Address ____________________________________________