



Economics 2013-2014

Course Description & Grading Policy

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This course is required by the State of California:

This course focuses on the fundamental principles of economics, particularly as they relate to a free market economy in the United States. Both micro economics and macro economics will be explored. Students will also have an opportunity to explore investing, budgeting and personal finance.

Essential Skills and Concepts

Scarcity, Opportunity Costs & Trade offs	Supply & Demand
Resources in the Market	Marginal Benefits/Cost Analysis; analyzing economic decisions
Surplus and shortages	Competition and the "Invisible Hand"
Business organizations	Market Competition
Characteristics of money	Measuring the performance of the economy
Governmental monetary and fiscal policy	Personal Finance

Ongoing Skills/Concepts

Reading proficiency - primary sources	Research methods
Demonstrate MLA and RHS writing standards	Presentation methods
Collaboration	Critical Thinking

TEXT: Clayton, Ph.D., Gary E., Economics, Principles and Practices, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill

RHS SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT HOMEWORK / GRADING POLICY

Grading Policy for Essential Skills (Tests/Projects/Essays) – 70% of grade

Essential skills and concepts will be graded in the following manner:

- 1 Tests/projects/essays completed on time and earning **greater** than 50% will receive a grade of 70% upon attainment of mastery.
- 2 Tests/projects/essays which are not completed on time or earn **less** than 50% will receive a grade of 60% upon attainment of mastery.
- 3 All projects/essays must be turned in on the due date regardless of absence.
- 4 Students absent on the day of a test will be expected to make up that test upon their return.

Grading Policy for Interactive Notebook and/or other work (see description below) – 30% of grade

Interactive Notebook will be graded in the following manner:

- 1 We accept late work within the Interactive Notebook for 50% credit until the end of the current unit of study. Late work may be accepted beyond the end of the unit at teacher discretion.

***The student's grade will be derived from an average of all work completed during each unit of study and based on the following breakdown:

90-100% -	A
80-89%-	B
70-79%-	C
69% or below-	NO CREDIT / Course must be retaken

Approximate breakdown of coursework:

Required/Essential skills (test and projects)	70%
Interactive Notebook/Other coursework	30%

No Credit

- Missing required assignments or essential skills or concepts
- Less than 70% of total learning

Social Studies Grade Comment Key

1. Essential Skill not passing but must be made-up.	NM
2. Non Essential Skill cannot be made up.	0
3. Not Taken/Not Turned In or No Name	Mi (Missing)
4. Absent can be made up	Ab
5. Excused	Ex