

Economics Syllabus

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Course Purpose:

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the knowledge and decision making tools necessary for understanding how society organizes its limited resources to satisfy its wants and needs. Students will gain an understanding of choices they must make as producers, consumers, investors, and taxpayers.

Course Content/Objectives:

Students will understand the following:

- Economic reasoning
- Principles of decision-making in the marketplace
- Productive resources
- Scarcity and choices
- Opportunity costs and trade offs
- Economic incentives
- Interdependence
- Contemporary and historical economic issues
- Personal economic skills
- Role of money
- Government and financial institutions
- Labor

Skills Utilized:

Students will be expected to think critically. Assignments are designed to enhance students' oral and written comprehension as well as communication skills. This course will use a variety of media to test and enhance these skills. Students will be expected to analyze and interpret primary documents and data (one of the primary tasks for really understanding economics) in both oral and written form.

Materials:

You must have the following items every day.

- 1) Good work ethic
- 2) 3 ring binder (for my class only)
- 3) Pen and/or Pencil
- 4) Paper

Evaluation:

The grading scale is as follows: A=90-100%; B=80-89%; C=70-79%; D=60-69%; F=0-59%. This scale applies to all tests, quizzes and assignments. Student assessment will be based on the following:

- 50% Tests/Projects
- 30% Quizzes
- 10% Classwork
- 10% Homework

****Passing this course is required to graduate****

Absences and Make-Up:

When it is necessary to be absent (**excused**) due to illness, family emergencies, religious holidays, etc., it is the student's responsibility to see the teacher the day they return to school for make-up assignments. If those dates are not adhered to, then a penalty will be assessed against that assignment. Tests and quizzes will be made up at a time scheduled with the teacher. If an absence is **unexcused** make-up work may be assigned at the discretion of the teacher.

Classroom Expectations:

Here at SFMHS, rules and procedures are established to provide an orderly and safe environment for all students. Additionally, this environment provides the opportunity for students to excel in their learning. Classroom rules should be followed at all times.

- *Be on time with necessary materials.
- *Listen and be courteous to others.
- *Complete assignments.
- *Respect the school and the people within it.
- *Follow the dress code.
- ***NO** electronic devices or food/drink (only water).