

## **CP ECONOMICS- Oak Ridge High School Fall 2018**

### **COURSE OUTCOME:**

- This is a one semester course that presents the basic principles of Economics including scarcity of resources, supply and demand, types of businesses, international markets, and the role of governments. It is important for students to understand the flexible nature of Economics, and to appreciate the complexity of our own economy. As we go through each unit, understanding of topics will build upon one another so that a comprehensive understanding can be achieved. It is my goal that every student grasps all basic principles of Economics so that they may develop further skills in analysis and evaluation of the world around them.

### **INSTRUCTION:**

- **General Pacing**
  - Unit 1: Scarcity and Economic Reasoning
  - Unit 2: Supply and Demand
  - Unit 3: Market Structures
  - Unit 4: Money and Government
  - Unit 5: National Economic Performance and Trade
- **Resources**
  - The vast majority of the time, materials for completion of assignments and exams will come from Canvas. Textbooks for further reference are available in Mrs. Wagner's classroom upon request.

### **ASSESSMENT:**

- 90% of the course grade will come from daily assignments, current events, blogs, homework, projects, quizzes, and tests.
- 10% of the course grade will come from a comprehensive End of Course Exam

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### Make-Up Work Policy/Late Work Policy:

- o You should strive to be present during every single class. When you are not present, valuable information and instructional time is lost.
- o Absent work will be consistently available on Canvas. Students should look there before coming to the teacher about missing work. Notes and information must be obtained from classmates and IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT.
- o If the student is not absent they will have the opportunity to make up work that is turned in late. The penalty for late work is a 50% reduction in points.
- o Major projects and/or papers turned in past the due date will be deducted 10% a day for each day late after the original due date

### General Expectations

- o Our classroom is an environment meant for learning. In order for this to take place a policy of mutual respect between students and between the instructor and the students needs to be present.
- o General Policies:
  - o Be on time: It will be more than a regular occurrence that a Bell Ringer Activity will be waiting when you arrive to class. Come in quickly and begin working.
  - o Preparation: Coming into the classroom without necessary materials is unacceptable and disrespectful to other since time will have to be taken to remedy the situation. Laptops will be used daily, and these should be accessible and charged each day.
  - o General respect: For all students, instructors, visitors, and objects in the classroom at any given time.

### Teacher Communication

- **My preferred method of communication is email:** acwagner@ortn.edu
- **My plan periods:** 5th and 6th- come by any time!
- I will use Canvas and Skyward to regularly update on student progress, but questions, comments, or concerns may be shared at any time. Grades will generally be pushed to Skyward every Friday.
- **Intervention Strategy:** I am always willing to offer additional support and tutoring to students. However they have to show me they want the help by working hard in and out of class and personally

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asking me for help. My hope is to maintain an environment in class that encourages openness and communication. Feel free to email me at any time with concerns about student progress in class.

**Closing Note**

Finally, I want you (parents and students) to know that I committed to following these procedures in an effort to provide the best learning environment possible for all students. Economics is a huge discipline, and covering all of the necessary material in one semester is quite a task, but together we can cover and learn it all while developing several key skills along the way. Please feel free to ask for extra help anytime you are confused or overwhelmed about anything. I am a huge advocate for open communication, and would very much appreciate any and all contact information that you are willing to provide so that we can all reach our goals together.