MVLA 2019-20 COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course Title: SAI Economics/Civics School: Mountain View High School UC/CSU requirement: No Textbook and/or other learning resources: CIVICS published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, Newsela.com

Student Learning Outcomes:

The purpose of this course is to develop knowledge of essential democratic and constitutional concepts and events to guide in decision making and meeting responsibilities as participants in our democratic republic and economy. Specifically, students will be able to:

- 1. Identify and analyze the philosophical and historical roots, and constitutional structure, of U.S. democracy.
- 2. Analyze the essential framework and functions of government in the United States.
- 3. Analyze individual rights and forms of civil society that influence participation in U.S. political culture.
- 4. Identify and analyze the variables that affect different economic systems and how those economic systems affect each other
- 5. Identify and analyze the frameworks of personal finances

Assessment and Grading (BP 5121 / AR 5121): To ensure that every student has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their learning, the course instructors implement aligned grading practices and common assessments with the same frequency.

- 1. Grading categories and their percentage weights: Participation = 35% Homework = 30%Assessments = 35%
- 2. Achievement evidence collected within each grading category: Participation = class discussions, group participation, group projects, effort. Homework = Newsela, worksheets, projects, journal entries. Assessments = Google forms, google classroom quizzes, written quizzes, verbal assessments.
- 3. Grading scales:

A+ 97 to 100% B+ 87 to 89.99% C+ 77 to 79.99% D+ 67 to 69.99% F 50 to 59.99%

A 93 to 96.99% B 83 to 86.99% C 73 to 76.99% D 63 to 66.99%

A-90 to 92.99% B-80 to 82.99% C-70 to 72.99% D-60 to 62.99%

- 4. Homework/outside of class practices (AR 6154): Homework will be given to reinforce understanding of concepts. Students should expect homework on a weekly basis. Projects will also be included in this category but students should expect at least 1 project per semester.
- 5. Excused absence make up practices (Education Code 48205(b)): Students who miss class are expected to use their access to google classroom in order to view the class goals and activities for the day. Students may also see the instructor for further details. Please use tutorial, email, and after school hours to discuss this matter.
- 6. Academic integrity violation practices (MVHS Academic Integrity Policy): Any violation of academic integrity will result in a team meeting (administration, instructor, parent(s)/guardian(s), and student). The student will receive and automatic F for the assignment with a possibility to redo assignments depending on teacher discrepancy.

- 7. Late work practices: Late work will be accepted with teacher interviews. Students must be prepared for formal assessments based on late work concepts. Late work will not be accepted after unit tests.
- 8. Revision practices: Students are allowed to revise their work and turn in for full credit (except for quizzes/tests). Work will not be accepted after the unit tests.
- 9. Extra credit practices: No extra credit will be offered in this course.
- 10. Additional grading practices: None

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