Lake Travis High School
Economics Syllabus

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Course Description:
Economics is a one semester course emphasizing the principles and beliefs upon which the
economic systems of the world operate. Students analyze major concepts of free
enterprise (capitalism), free markets, command systems, and developing markets. The role
of individuals, businesses, and government are all examined in this course. Other economic
systems are discussed in a comparative model. Students are expected to be able to
analyze the impact of individuals, groups, politics, and media upon the US economic system.
During the course, economic models and graphing will be used to highlight principles and
effects of economic decision making.

Course Outline:

Unit 1:
Topic 1 - Fundamentals of Economics pages (1.1 - 1.3) Pages 6 - 18
Topic 2 - Free Enterprise and Other Economic Systems (2.1 - 2.6) Pages 26 - 54
Topic 10 - International Trade (10.1 - 10.2) pages 410 - 426
8-9 Days
*TEST* September 14/15
Paper #1 Due October 3rd

Unit 2:
Topic 5 - Business Organizations (5.1 - 5.4) pages 170 - 191

Unit 3:
Topic 3 - Demand, Supply, and Prices (3.1 - 3.9) Pages 74 - 128
Topic 10 - Exchange Rates (10.3) pages 427 - 434
9-11 Days
*TEST* October 6/7

Unit 4:
Topic 4 - Competition and Market Structures (4.1 - 4.4) pages 136 - 161
Topic 6 - Financial Markets (6.5 - 6.7) pages 253 - 375

Unit 5:
Topic 6 - Money, Banking, and the FED (6.1 - 6.4) pages 222 - 254
Topic 9 - Monetary Policy and its Effects (9.4 - 9.5) pages 391 - 402
7-9 Days
Unit 6:
Topic 7 - Economic Performances and Challenges (7.1 - 7.6) pages 284 - 325
Topic 8 - Taxes and Spending (8.1 - 8.4) pages 336 - 359
6-7 Days
*TEST* November 14/15

Unit 7:
Personal Finance and Consumer Economics
Project* Life Project

Course Policies:
Attendance & Tardiness: Every student is expected to be in class and on time each day. Absences and tardiness will be recorded each class period. Assistant principals will deal with all excessive tardy issues. Please see the online Student Handbook to familiarize yourself with LTISD and LTHS campus policies.

Required Materials: Notebook paper kept organized neatly in a binder or folder and something to write with.

Cell Phone & Electronics:
Use of electronic devices and phones are strictly up to teacher discretion. The teacher will make it clear to the students when it is/is not appropriate to have the cell phone in view during class. Text messaging, gaming, use of camera, video, or voice-mail will result in immediate disciplinary action. If such use should occur during testing, the student will also be held responsible for academic dishonesty, regardless of the messages being sent or received.

Quizzes:
You will be taking weekly vocabulary/material presented quizzes. Quizzes will be calculated as 20% of your final cycle grade. If you should miss a quiz, you will have 1 calendar week to make up the quiz.

Tests/Projects/Essays:
Tests will/may be a combination of multiple choice, true and false, short answer, or essay. Tests are worth 55% of your grade. Please be prepared for each test...don't wait until the last minute to study! If you are absent the day of the test, you will be expected to make up the test within 1 calendar week. Please see me before the deadline if you need more time.

All students are eligible to do test corrections. This will require a student to come in before or after school or during CAV time. Students will receive a test correction form on the first day of class with directions and expectations. Students may earn $\frac{1}{3}$ of the missed points back.

**Late Work:**
A major project will be accepted one class day late for a maximum of 70. Students may be allowed to redo an inadequate daily assignment provided reasonable effort was made by the student in the initial completion of the assignment.

**Make-Up Work:**
Make-up work for absences will be the responsibility of the student. One day for each day absent is allowed for turning in make-up work. Major tests must be made up within one week of returning to school.

**Class Participation:**
Each student is expected to make positive contributions during class discussions. Each student is required to participate in classroom activities resulting in any type of assessment.

**Academic Dishonesty:**
Academic dishonesty of any kind will result in disciplinary actions.
* plagiarism
* copying any academic work from another student
* sharing homework or other required assignments
* sharing or use of information through electronic devices

**Grading:**
Economics grades will be calculated as follows:
55% from tests and other major assignments
25% from daily work and
20% from quizzes
Grades will be posted weekly and may be accessed through Parent Connect.
Homework:
All homework, presentations, and handouts will be available on my LTHS Teacher Schoology. You can also access our class text book from my Schoology as well.

Support Services:
Times for tutorials and make-up will be set up by the student and teacher. If I am unavailable for tutoring or make-up work at any time, students can also see Mr. Rust across the hall in room J204 from 7:45 to 08:45 in the mornings, and in the afternoons from 3:50 to 4:30.