

**Civics
Syllabus**
Peninsula Catholic High School
Grade 8
2009-2010

Course Title: Civics

Course Goals:

- Civics is a foundation course for high school social studies courses, particularly for government. It introduces the basic concepts of democratic government and the role of the student as a citizen.

Course Objectives:

- Demonstrate a mastery of the basic concepts of civics: citizenship, national, state, and local governments, the law, free enterprise system, and the United States in the world community.
- Analyze the challenges of citizenship.
- Identify/explain key terms and concepts.

Enabling Objectives:

- Will be specified in each class.

Text: Dr. David C. Saffell, Civics, Responsibilities and Citizenship, Glencoe, 2000

Classroom Expectations:

- Assignments will be completed and turned in on time.
- Notes taken are to be kept in a three ring binder.
- Materials (textbook, three ring binder, pen, notebook paper. [Not spiral] will be brought to class daily.
- Students are to be prepared for class.
- Papers/projects are to be typed unless specified and a 3.5 floppy, compact disc or flash drive also submitted.

Evaluation:

- Tests and quizzes, class and homework, projects, classroom contributions will be cumulative and account for 100% of the quarterly grade. The two-quarter grades and the semester exam grade will be averaged for the final grade.

- Quarterly grades will be determined as follows:

Tests and quizzes	40 %
Class work and homework	25 %
Projects	25 %
Classroom contributions	10 %
- Exams will constitute 20% of term and semester grades.

Grading:

- The Peninsula Catholic grade scale applies.

Make-up Work:

- Homework is due the first day back after an excused absence.
- Due date for homework assigned during an absence is to be discussed with the teacher.
- Scheduled missed tests/quizzes must be taken on the day the student returns to class.
- Exceptions to these policies are at the discretion of the teacher for exceptional situations.

Late Work:

Work turned in late will be graded as follows:

Major assignments: Lose 10% a day. After 3 days, a grade of zero will be recorded

Minor assignments: Lose 10% a day. After 3 days, a grade of zero will be recorded.

Materials:

- Textbook.
- A three ring-binder and loose-leaf paper. (No spiral notebook paper)
- Ink pen. (Standard black or blue)

Intellectual Honesty and Integrity:

- Students are expected to abide by the highest moral and ethical standards of conduct in the preparation and presentation of graded materials and will abide by the PCHS Honor Code. Such standards are founded on the basic concepts of honesty, integrity, and respect for self and others.
- The PCHS Honor Code is based on the premise that PCHS students will not cheat, lie, or steal, nor tolerate those who do. During the course the following will apply. On written assignments and tests the student will hand write "I abide by the Honor Code." Violations of the Honor Code will be referred to the Honor Council.
- All written project are to be submitted on paper and when applicable on a 3.5 disc for review on **turnitin.com** to ensure original work by the student.

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Students, please sign below indicating that you have read and understand the requirements for CIVICS.

Detach and return by _____. Keep the above for your reference.

(Print Student's Name)

(Student's signature)