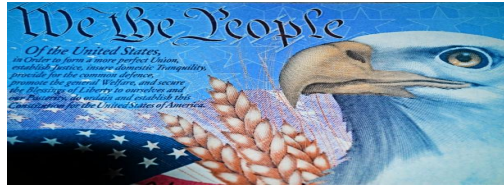


CIVICS



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Why is Civics important?

Human beings are meaning makers who constantly search for meaning to make sense of our world. Civics provides the tool that enables this amazing nation to face and overcome challenges and obstacles, and to improve the communities in which we live. Civics examines how our government works and how “we the people” work together to improve the lives of all Americans. Our founding fathers designed our government to protect our rights and to provide for our needs. The U.S. Constitution provides the framework for our government in such a way that prevents a tyranny of the minority, as well as a tyranny of the majority. Your job this year is to learn why our government serves as a model for other countries around the world, how our government functions, and the role of an educated citizenry in preserving our proud nation and its system of government. It will be my privilege to serve as your guide. Let the adventure begin.

Tests/Performance Assessments:

Tests and performance assessments are cumulative in nature. **The state of Florida requires the Civics End of Course (EOC), which represents 30% of the scholar's final grade.** That means that scholars will be expected to demonstrate mastery of content by their ability to analyze and synthesize information. **In other words, scholars should be able to explain how and why our government has remained flexible enough to meet and overcome new challenges and obstacles.**

I encourage scholars to explore how past events continue to impact our lives today. I want scholars not only to demonstrate mastery of content but to make meaningful sense of Civics and their role in shaping our future. Rubrics will be available to guide the scholars through the process.

Missing Work Due to Absences: Bok Academy North allows scholars to make up missed work. Missing Tests, Quizzes, Classwork and Homework due to absences will receive a zero grade, until made up.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARS to utilize Schoology, ask reliable scholars, email me to keep up with assignments and plan to take missed tests or quizzes. I expect scholars to take responsibility for their education and to make up all assessments and assignments. If absent on the due date of an assignment, scholars are expected to turn in the assignment no later than 3 days after they return to school.

Bok Academy North takes plagiarism seriously. Plagiarism (i.e. Failure to write information or ideas in your own words, copying another scholar's work, allowing another student to copy your work, etc.) is cheating and dishonorable.

Mrs. Armstrong wants to know how scholars think and how they respond to a question; do not pirate someone else's words or ideas. The *minimum* consequences include an automatic zero grade.

This is 7/8 grade and by this time study do know the basic rules. I want scholars to be successful and I expect all scholars to take an active role in this process by taking responsibility for overall scholars' education. **Scholars are here to learn and that happens in an environment where everyone commits to creating a cooperative, caring classroom.**

Classroom rules:

Be a positive role model (know that you can be successful and can help others be successful)

Be responsible (this is your education - make the most of it!)

Be respectful (of yourself, to others, and the property of others – no teasing or name calling!)

Be prepared (on time, with necessary supplies, and ready to learn)

Note to Parents:

I look forward to working with you and your scholars, to experience an exceptional school year. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns. You may contact me by phone (863-221-0087) or email at bessie.armstrong@lwcschools.net

All the Best,

Mrs. Armstrong

I have read and understand what is expected for a successful year in Mrs. Armstrong's Civics Class.

Scholar

I have read the attached syllabus for 7/8 Grade Civics.

Cell # _____

Parent/Guardian

Email _____