

INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS

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Course Description: Given the economic realities of modern American life, everyone should have a basic understanding of economic principles and practices. This class will cover the economic theories of micro-economics and macro-economics. The students will also learn the practical lessons of career choice, comparative shopping, personal budgeting, managing credit, investing strategies, and retirement planning.

Teaching Strategies: The students will learn about economics through lectures, class discussions, demonstrations, simulations, assignments, guest speakers, textbook reading, videos, news issues, and outside reading/research.

Course Objectives: Through these teaching methods the students should develop:

1. A working knowledge of the major economic theories and important terms.
2. An understanding of local, national, and international economic issues.
3. The economic skills to be a competitive worker, careful consumer, and a wise investor.

Textbook: Introduction to Business, South-Western Educational Publishing, Cincinnati OH, 2000 edition. (ISBN 0-538-69146-8)

Student Behavior: This is a college preparatory school and the students are expected to act accordingly. The students must be respectful, attentive, prompt, and hardworking.

Assignments: All homework assignments must be typed, unless otherwise stated. All assignments are to be turned in when due. Late papers will be penalized according to the nature of the assignment. The general rule is one letter grade reduction for each day late. Exceptions will be based on merit—and I am the sole judge.

Assessment: Student grades will be based on: quizzes, exams, research papers, reaction papers, class discussions, projects, oral presentations, simulations, class work and homework assignments.

Student Assistance: I am available for additional help before school, after school, and during my prep periods.

