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7th Grade Civics

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**Textbook**: Civics in Practice, Principles of Government and Economics

Welcome to 7th grade Civics where the content covered will consist of citizenship within our society. Throughout this course we will learn how the United States of America came to be what it is today. Students will improve both their reading and writing skills. As well as improve their ability to receive information and develop their own opinions based on the information given and express that information in an effective and positive manner.

**Materials**:

In class textbook, Binder, loose-leaf paper, pencils, and blue or black pens. Please sign up for Remind and make sure you can log into Schoology.

Remind:

To access remind please follow the instructions that apply to you: Smartphone: type the link… rmd.at/copeln For text notification: text @copeln to the number 81010

**Schoology:**

Students from all classes will be using the Schoology. Schoology is an educational technology website offering communication, collaboration, and active educational platform for students and educators. We will be using Schoology this year as an additional communication tool and educational site. If you miss a day of school, this site is perfect to catch up on any make up work.

**Grading Policy**:

Students will be graded on tests, quizzes, classwork, participation, homework, projects, etc. All grades will be based on points. If a student is absent it is his or her responsibility to ensure that they have made up all work and submitted the assignment to receive credit. If a student a recognized as having an excused absence the student must complete and return the missed assignment within two days of returning to school, unless a later agreed upon date is given by the teacher. If a student’s absence is not excused that student may make up the work within the same two-day period of an excused absence but may only receive up to 65% of the original credit assigned.   Students may access any make up work on Schoology.

**Class Procedures**:

Everyday a student walks in the room he or she will begin to answer the “Do Now” for the day. The “Do Now” serves as a starter or a quick review for the day’s activities. The student is required to keep up with the “Do Now” in their binder. It will eventually be taken up for a grade. At the end of class students will write down any homework or upcoming test in their planner.

            Students are not allowed outside of class without permission unless there is a medical condition that has been documented and allows for dismissal from class periodically. In order to leave class a student must have their planner. In the back of the planner is the hall pass that must be signed in order for a student to leave the classroom. Each student is allowed 3 passes out of class per 9 weeks. If a student runs out of passes and still needs to use a pass that student may request to be marked as tardy for the day and then they will be allowed to go to the restroom. However, remember that on the 4th tardy a student is written up and will suffer the consequences for being tardy as noted in the student handbook. For the good of the student and the class academically students are not able to leave the room within the first 15 minutes of class and the teacher may veto any request to leave the room.

**Class Rules**:

      Follow adult’s directions the first time they are given.

      Keep hands, feet, and objects to self at all times.

      Remain in assign seat at all times unless given permission to move elsewhere.

      Raise hand for permission before speaking or making noise.

      Remain on task at all times.

      Be respectful of yourself and those that are around you.

**Consequences:**

      Verbal warning       Office referral

      Writing assignment       Parent phone call

      Separation from class       Silent Lunch

All rules and consequences are subject to added to. The consequence may vary based on effectiveness and benefits of the class and the student.