Ms. Lori Fabrizi

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Room A-213 (e-mail is the best form of communication)

Extra Help available: Monday Mornings

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course includes a survey of the theories of government, the principles of the Constitution, and functions of the three branches of government on the federal and state levels. The course includes a study of current political, economic, and social issues confronting the American public in order to help students appreciate the democratic system and to help them become active, informed, and participatory citizens. In this semester course, students will receive one half (.5) unit of credit upon successful completion. This course is a requirement for graduation from Erie School District.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

\* Define government and identify and evaluate its evolution in America to the present.

\* Examine and evaluate democracy, and the democratic principles of America.

\* Discuss the origins of the constitution and appraise its effects on the United States.

\* Attain the skills to recognize and interpret historical records.

\* Foster critical thinking skills/processes to understand the past, present, and future of America.

\* Promote citizenship and understand the civic duty of all American citizens.

Course Textbook: McGraw-hill UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT: Our Democracy

Grading Policies/ Scale: Grades will be based on a variety of requirements, and will be updated weekly in infinite campus. Students and parents are welcome to contact the teacher through phone or email to discuss student’s grade. Students are expected to complete and turn in all assignments on time. You must be ready, prepared, and complete all assignments. Students are responsible for keeping track of their grade.

Your overall grade each quarter comes from the following categories:

* Formative assessments :Classwork
* Summative assessments: Quizzes tests / projects
* Participation

A 90%-100%

B 80%-89%

C 70%-79%

D 65%-69%

F 64%-below

It is the *responsibility* of the student to be prepared and on time. The student will succeed if he or she follows and completes the previously stated categories for their grade. Students will have the opportunity to make up and turn in missing work. It is the responsibility of the student to get absent/missing work.

Daily Requirements: Students must be on time for class. Students must complete all assignments given to them by the classroom teacher. Students must follow all rules and procedures. Students must bring all required materials.

Classroom Rules/ Behavior Expectations: To be a successful student and member of society you must work towards becoming a safe, respectful, and responsible individual. You must control yourself, your actions, and your words. You must be responsible for what you do and say. You must think before you act and speak. There is ZERO tolerance for bullying and inappropriate behavior. You are all young adults and should act accordingly. You will be held accountable for your actions. Students must bring their Chromebook and charger to every class, this is so students may participate and complete classroom activities and assignments, and utilize the SmartPass system.

* Students are expected to be on time and prepared every day.
* Students are expected to show respect at all times to their teacher and peers.
* Students are expected to do their best and make an effort.
* Students are expected to complete all assigned work.
* Students are expected to participate in all activities and discussions.
* Students are expected to act appropriately at all times-BR3
* Students are expected to follow dress code guidelines.
* Students must respect all property (school, personal, and other's property)
* Students are NOT permitted to do any form of bullying, playing, or joking around.
* Students are NOT permitted to use any form of profanity.
* Students are NOT permitted to be disruptive during class time.
* Students are NOT permitted to use phones or other electronic devices unless instructed.
* Students are NOT permitted to engage in acts of physical violence, possess prohibited substances and weapons, engage in theft or vandalism, and engage in safety violations, or unauthorized photography or videography.

Failing to not follow any of the classroom rules and behavior expectations will lead to loss of points for the day, verbal warning/redirection, phone call home, detention, or office referral at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

**Helpful Resources:**

* Erie High Office: 814-874-6200
* Attendance excuses: ehsattendance@eriesd.org
* Technology Support: epssupport@eriesd.org
* *Erie High Royals* Facebook page
* Updated information can be found on the district website: www.eriesd.org
* EHS webpage: https://www.eriesd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=17

\*\*Please read through this syllabus with your child. Both you and your child are to sign, acknowledging you have read over the syllabus and understand what is expected of your child this school year.

\*\*Signed syllabus is worth 50 points,

Online syllabus is available on my district teacher page under the teachers tab of the Erie High website

Print Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the information, rules and expectations as set forth in this syllabus

Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Guardians/Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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