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Sachem High School North

Criminal Justice

Course Description: Criminal Justice is ½ credit social studies elective offered to juniors and seniors. This course is a fairly in-depth study of the workings of the New York State Criminal Justice system. It is designed to give students a good working knowledge of their rights and to gain an appreciation for law and our society's need for law and order. This course promotes good citizenship and allows students to obtain an understanding of the laws of New York State and its judicial process, and may also provide a glimpse into possible career opportunities in the fields of law, law enforcement, corrections, and law-related education.

Material Covered: Law and Civil Rights, Civil vs. Criminal Cases, The History and Role of Law Enforcement, Arrest to Trial Procedure, Mock Trial, Careers, DWI, Death Penalty, Self-Defense Laws, Status Offenses, etc.

Course/Student Information

Course Website: www.mrriverashistorypage.weebly.com

- The course website will be updated regularly with all relevant course materials and due dates.

ESCHOOL/PARENT PORTAL

- All grade information will be recorded on Eschool/Parent Portal. Students and parents BOTH need to check this site regularly for updated grade information.

Classwork/Projects - Worth 40% of total class grade

- Active participation in class activities is essential to academic success
- Classwork will be evaluated on a daily basis and will significantly impact quarter grades.
- Students are expected to be actively engaged at all times.
- Points will be deducted for students who are not actively engaged.
 - Lateness, Cell Phone Usage, Headphones
- **The attendance policy will be strictly enforced. Students that are legally absent are required to complete a make-up assignment for each legal absence. Students that are illegally absent will lose credit for any assignments missed as well as classwork credit for the day they miss.**

Tests - Worth 60% of the total class grade

- Unit tests will be given in multiple choice and essay formats
- Each Unit Test will consist of questions regarding information from classwork, homework and supplemental materials provided throughout the course of a Unit.
- Students have the opportunity to re-take any exam on their own time by utilizing the testing center.

Parent Teacher Contact

- The course website (<http://mrriverashistorypage.weebly.com/>) and Eschool will be the easiest and most efficient way to find information and communicate.
- **PARENTS – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE COURSE WEBSITE AND ESCHOOL. If you are unable to access the course website please email mriviera5@sachem.edu. For any issues regarding eschool/parent portal please contact your child’s AP.**
- I look forward to working together to support your child as we enter this new and exciting phase of their academic careers. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns, the sooner we can address issues the sooner they can be resolved.

Class Expectations:

1. **Attend class and be on time.** The Attendance and Lateness policies will be used.
2. **Cell Phones and electronics are not to be used during the lesson. *Failure to comply will result in the loss of class participation points.***
3. **The students will inquire about any missed work resulting from absences.**
4. **Be attentive in class.**

Parent Expectations: The teacher asks that all parents use the school’s parent portal to monitor their child’s progress. **This will be the primary means of communication.** For any questions or concerns please email me at mriviera5@sachem.edu or call the school.

I have read and am aware of Mr. Rivera’s course syllabus:

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____