

# North Salem High School

## Course Information Sheet

**Course Title: Economics: Course No. 147**

**Teacher: Mrs. Koestner**

### **Course Description:**

Students will use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of how the United States and other societies develop economic systems and associated institutions to allocate scarce resources, how major decision-making units function in the U.S. and other national economies, and how an economy solves the scarcity problem through market and nonmarket mechanisms.

[www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)

[www.engageNY.org](http://www.engageNY.org)

### **Text Titles:**

1. Main Text: Economics by Sally Meek, John Morton and Mark Shug : Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt 2018.

### **Homework Policy:**

\* Chapter readings will be assigned for each week and students will be required to answer **a number of questions** from each chapter. Questions will be graded out of 5 points- and may be used as a reference for the chapter tests.

\* There will be a research paper assigned about a chosen economic issue. There will be **10 weekly article critiques** assigned for this paper- due on specific Wednesdays throughout the course. They will be graded out of 5 points- and will also count toward the final grade for the paper.

### **Grading Policy:**

1. Test Grades- will all be averaged together as 75% of the grade for each quarter. Expect between 3-4 chapter tests per quarter....

2. Homework/ Class work : Will count as 25% of the grade for each quarter. These will be graded out of 5 points each, and added together for an average. This grade will include chapter questions, article critiques and any additional graded class work or homework.

3. All graded assignments will be returned to students initially. Homework and class work assignments should be used for study purposes for the chapter tests. All graded work is eventually returned to student class folders and will serve as a portfolio for the course.

4. Course Grade- The **Research Paper** will count as the **Final Exam** for the Course. The final course grade will be calculated as follows:

1st Quarter Grade- 40%    2nd Quarter Grade- 40%    Research Paper -20%

### **Make Up Policy:**

All students must make up tests and class work within **1 week** of their **legal** absence. Please refer to the school's Attendance Policy for information about legal/ illegal absences. Remember that it is the student's responsibility to make up work that they've missed.

### **Tardiness and Preparation:**

Students must attend class on time and be prepared with the appropriate materials:

\*A 1 inch, 3 ring binder is recommended for handouts, notes, etc.

\* About 20 sheets of loose leaf paper

\*Pen or pencil and highlighter for class.

\* Your textbook may be left at home for reading and written homework.

We will have enough extra copies for class work.

### **Extra Help:**

Students may stay after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for extra help. The forty minute sessions begin immediately after school.