

## MS Civics – Semester 2

# Course Syllabus

### Description:

Learning about civics gives students the skills and knowledge necessary to be active citizens who have a positive impact on their communities. In this course, students discover the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States. They learn about the structure of the government and how it works at the local, state, and federal levels. This course examines elections, the lawmaking process, and how citizens can impact public policy. Students also discover ways the United States interacts with countries around the world. Geography and economics support the learning of civics in this course. Engaging in this study prepares students to be informed citizens who are ready to participate in the American democracy!

### Unit 04: Active Citizens

- 04.00 Active Citizens Introduction
- 04.01 How Do Citizen Perspectives Differ?
- 04.02 What Is Judicial Review?
- 04.03 How Can Art Inspire Action? (Advanced)
- 04.04 What Are the Rights of the Accused?
- 04.05 What Are the Rights of Speech?
- 04.06 How Can We Influence Government?
- 04.07 How Do Elections Impact Society?
- 04.08 What Are Demographics?
- 04.09 Active Citizens Review and Discussion-Based Assessment
- 04.10 Active Citizens Unit Exam

### Unit 05: Going Global

- 05.00 Going Global Introduction
- 05.01 How Do Other Nations Govern?
- 05.02 How Does Geography Affect Society?
- 05.03 Why Should Nations Diversify?
- 05.04 What's New in the World? (Advanced)
- 05.05 What Are National Policies?
- 05.06 How Does Currency Affect Trade?
- 05.07 How Do We Participate in a World Community?
- 05.08 Going Global Review and Discussion-Based Assessment
- 05.09 Going Global Unit Exam

### Unit 06: American Money

- 06.00 American Money Introduction
- 06.01 How Does Scarcity Affect Us?
- 06.02 What Are Incentives?
- 06.03 What Is the Role of Competition?
- 06.04 How Does Banking Work?
- 06.05 Why Should We Pay Taxes?

- 06.06 What Are the Priorities? (Advanced)
- 06.07 How Does Borrowing Money Affect Us?
- 06.08 American Money Review and Discussion-Based Assessment
- 06.09 American Money Unit Exam
- 06.10 Segment Two Review and Exam

### **Service Learning**

- Service Learning Part B

### **Course Assessment and Participation Requirements:**

To achieve success, students are expected to submit work in each course weekly. To measure learning, students complete self-checks, practice lessons, multiple choice questions, projects, discussion-based assessments, and discussions. Students are expected to maintain regular contact with teachers. When teachers, students, and parents work together, students are successful.