

**Grading Policy and Class Rules for Economics
2013-2014
Room F-10
Mr. Soderlund**

Interstudent:

In this class, students will participate in a competitive program called Interstudent. Interstudent is different than any class you have ever taken in your education career because you are forced to work together. In this class, you will learn to cooperate with other people to bring about the best for the entire group. You will learn that you are gifted in certain areas, while needing help in other areas from someone in your group who is gifted in other areas. Still, a good individual performance will give you as a 30% advantage on Supertests. These bonus points will make the Supertests less of a burden, so work hard during regular class days to reap the benefits of the day. Groups change every two weeks. At the end of each cycle, I will roll a dice and the group that comes up will be broken up and someone from each group will be cut by secret ballot. This program is an effective way to learn to behave like an adult with individual responsibility and a willingness to cooperate with others. This class could change your life.

Grades:

Your grade is weighted according to the following categories:

- Basic Assignments
 - o Every unit or cycle as we will call them, will have homework from the textbook. You are required to do the Main Ideas for the chapters assigned. This is due the day of the Supertest. You will be tested on this material so it is very important.
 - o Get in the habit of turning in your work on time. You may turn in late work, but each school day it is not turned in will lower the assignment a quarter of the grade. After three days don't bother!
 - o All make up work from an absence is expected to be made up at the earliest opportunity. Each student is expected to take the responsibility to communicate with Mr. Soderlund when this will happen. Students who fail to take care of this will risk receiving a Zero on those assignments.
- Vocabulary Quizzes –One every cycle or unit.
- Group Grades
 - o You will receive a grade for each cycle based on the placement of your group.
 - o This can change according to your grade on your Supertest. (We will go over this in depth.)
- SuperTest
 - o You will have a Supertest for each cycle.
- Economics video Project
 - o This will given in November and will be due the end of the semester.

Connecting with me:

- Twitter: mrsodawuhs- I will tweet assignments as they come up.
- iCal: you can subscribe to my iCalender and you will receive alerts when assignments to your iPhone directly. Go to my website with your phone and it will set it up. Sorry, android users I got nothing for you here.
- Website: www.sodasclass.weebly.com all of the Supplementals and bookwork assignments are posted on my website if needed. I also have some of my favorite links for music, economics, government, etc.

Rules of Class:

- **No food or drink-** I will allow water in a closed container.
- **Rest room-** If you need to go, go. If I notice you are abusing your power I will take it from you.
- **Absences:** If you miss a class it is your responsibility to take care of your assignments.
- **Cheating-** I have a ZERO tolerance policy for cheating. Whether it be on a test, quiz, copying someone else's book work, or lifting an essay off the internet, you will get an automatic ZERO on that grade.
- **Tardy:** Understand that tardies will affect your group's grade so beware!

Student Contract for Economics

I, _____, understand that this contract is an agreement between Mr. Soderlund and I as to what is required to pass this class in high marks.

1. I understand that my best effort in my group can work towards the betterment of our environment.
2. I understand that I must learn the vocabulary used in these classes to pass these courses.
3. I understand that regular attendance will likely improve my chances of doing well in these courses.
4. I understand that passing these classes with a 60% is necessary to graduate from Wheatland Union High School in 2014.
5. I understand that participating in the Interstudent program can help my overall grade.
6. I understand that cheating on assignments is not permitted.
7. I understand that most of the grade in these classes depends on performance on tests and that careful study may be required.
8. I understand that learning is my responsibility, and that asking questions when I do not understand may improve my chances of doing well in these classes.
9. I understand that Mr. Soderlund is available everyday from 8 to 8:40 a.m. unless he communicates otherwise.
10. I understand that issues will arise in class and I will make every effort to work out a compromise between my fellow students and myself. If an agreement cannot be worked out we will seek counsel from Mr. Soderlund to come to a conclusion that works best for all parties.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Period: _____

Movie Policy:

On rare occasions I will show films that will help explain how economic theory and political theory is being expressed in modern society. Many times these films will be controversial in nature and will have viewer ratings exceed the rating of "G". Many of these movies have these ratings based how the contents are expressed. Cussing, etc. Please note that I will never show a film that shows nudity, extreme violence, etc. These films are used to spark conversation and debate in hopes we can find sensible solutions to many of issues in our society and are used for educational purposes only. By, signing below you agree to allow your student to view the films.

Examples of films:

Inside Job

30 Days (Television Series that was TNT)

Bowling for Columbine

Signature of parent: _____