Welcome to the 7th grade and my Civics class! I look forward to getting to know you this year.

**Welcome to Mrs. Watt’s Civics**

Who can vote in the U.S.? Does “free speech” mean you can say whatever you want? This class will help you better understand your role as a citizen in our American democracy (our government.) You will also learn about how our government was formed and how it has changed in the last 200+ years.

 **Units:**

1: Foundations of American Democracy and Government

2: The Constitution

3: Bill of Rights

4: Executive Branch

5: Legislative Branch

6: Judicial Branch  
  
7: State and Local Government  
  
8: Voting, Elections and Public Issues

9: Citizenship\*  
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10: Economics and Trade  
  
\*EOC exam after Unit 9 (late April to early May)

**Textbook**:  
McGraw-Hill’s Florida Civics, Economics and Geography

**Supplies**:

* Pencils, black ink pen and highlighter
* Colored pencils
* Loose-leaf paper (college or wide)
* Composition notebook (no wire edge)
* Two folders with pockets and prongs
* Portable pencil sharpener (the cheap kind)
* Jumbo book cover
* Optional: Kleenex or Clorox wipes ☺

**Class Website**: MrsWattCivics.weebly.com  
 **Civics’ and Service Learning Site**:   
 lajhcivics.weebly.com

**Grade Categories**

10% Bell Work /Participation  
  
15% Homework

15% Projects

30% Classwork

30% Assessments  
  
\*\*EOC will count as 30% of your FINAL grade for the year\*\*

**Consequences**:

1. Verbal warning

2. Teacher-student conference

3. Parent contact and/or guidance referral

4. Before/After school detention

5. Discipline referral

\*Severe cases, such as profanity or fighting will result in immediate referral

**Classroom Rules:**

1. Come to class prepared

2. Pay attention

3. Talk only with permission.

4. Respect others and their property

5. Use common sense

**Contact Mrs. Watt:**

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Parents and students, please contact me at any time if you have a question or concern. I strive to maintain a learning environment where students feel safe to take risks and reach their own personal potential. Subsequently, I will push the students to always give their very best. Please let me know if I can be of any additional assistance. I believe every child can and will succeed.