



Society Simulations (Sims)



Pioneer Middle School 2023–2024 Syllabus

Course Description

Welcome to the start of a new school year! Society Simulations, aka Sims, is an elective designed for 8th grade students to explore various aspects of society through interactive, hands-on simulations and projects. Through engaging in mock elections, creating laws, setting up economies, and creating products and businesses, students will develop a deeper understanding of the complex dynamics that shape our societies. By assuming different roles and participating in these simulations, students will gain real-world knowledge and skills while fostering their critical thinking, collaboration, and civic engagement.



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Grading Policy

The grading categories are as follows:

- **Participation**
 - Projects & Class Work
 - Discussions/Debates
- **Quizzes**

Late Work Policy

Late work will be accepted for 10 school days after the due date. *50% will be taken off of the score earned.* If a student misses work due to an absence they have 1 day for every day they missed *without penalty.* As this course relies heavily on in-class participation, *alternative assignments may be given* for students to make up these points. The student is responsible for communicating with their teacher about any work they may have missed.

**Due to hardships, special considerations may be made case-by-case.*

Supplies

- Pencils
- Lined Paper
- Headphones
- Markers & Colored Pencils (optional)

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to do their own work. Examples of not following this expectation includes cheating on tests/assignments, doing other students work, and plagiarism. If a student is found to be doing any of these they may lose all credit on the assignment & will not be able to redo the work.

Classroom Expectations

- Chromebooks should be charged and ready for work
- Raise your hand to:
 - Use Restroom
 - Ask a Question
- Students will clean up after themselves