**AP Government & Politics – Unit 11: Economics and State/Local Government**

Introduction  
Congratulations on surviving the AP Exam! We have only one short unit before final exams before you have officially completed this course. This material will include Economic Principles, State/Local Government and Personal Financial Literacy!

OBJECTIVES

* Analyze the functions of North Carolina state and local governments within the federal system of government in terms of structure, security, welfare of the public and protection of citizens
* Compare the Constitutions and the structures of the United States and North Carolina governments
* Analyze contemporary issues and governmental responses at the local, state, and national levels in terms of how they promote the public interest and/or general welfare
* Compare jurisdictions and methods of law enforcement applied at each level of government, the consequences of noncompliance to laws at each level and how each reflects equal protection under the law
* Analyze the roles of citizens of NC and the US in terms of responsibilities, participation, civic life, interests/desires, and criteria for membership or admission
* Explain how education, income, career, and life choices impact an individual’s financial plan and goals
* Explain how fiscally responsible individuals create and manage a personal budget that is inclusive of income, taxes, gross and net pay, giving, fixed and variable expenses and retirement
* Analyze how fiscally responsible individuals managing a checking and savings account, save and invest, and evaluate strategies and tax implications to meet financial goals and build wealth
* Summarize how debt management and creditworthiness impact an individual’s ability to become a responsible consumer and borrower
* Explain how consumer protection laws and government regulation contribute to the empowerment of the individual
* Summarize various types of fraudulent solicitation and business practices and ways they can protect themselves
* Classify the various types of insurance and estate planning including the benefits and consequences
* Summarize strategies individuals use for resolving consumer conflict
* Compare how individuals and governments utilize scarce resources (human, natural and capital) in traditional, command, market and mixed economies.
* Analyze a market economy in terms of economic characteristics, the roles they play in decision-making
* Explain how supply and demand determine equilibrium price and quantity produced
* Analyze the ways in which incentives and profits influence what is produced and distributed in a market system
* Compare how various market structures affect decisions made in a market economy
* Explain the basic concepts of trade and summarize how nations specialize and become interdependent through trade
* Summarize basic macroeconomic indicators and how they vary over the course of a business cycle

Unit Plan

Tuesday, May 7

Discussion: Final Exam Schedule, Unit Overview  
 Economic Principles   
**Homework: Packet, TBD**

Wednesday, May 8

Discussion: Economic Principles   
**Homework: Packet, TBD**

Thursday, May 9

Discussion: Economic Principles   
**Homework: Packet, TBD and Print “Supply and Demand” Packet**

Friday, May 10

Discussion: Supply and Demand   
**Homework: Packet, TBD**

Monday, May 13

Discussion: Supply and Demand   
**Homework: Packet, TBD**

Tuesday, May 14

Discussion: Supply and Demand   
**Homework: Packet, TBD and Print “Financial Literacy” Packet**

Wednesday, May 15

Discussion: Financial Literacy   
**Homework: Packet, TBD**

Thursday, May 16

Discussion: Financial Literacy  
**Homework: Packet, TBD**

Friday, May 17

Discussion: Financial Literacy   
**Homework: Read/take notes on** [**State/Local Government**](https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/state-local-government/) **(Source: White House) and Print State and   
 Local Government Packet**

Monday, May 20

Discussion: State and Local Government  
**Homework: Packet, TBA**

Tuesday, May 21

Discussion: State and Local Government  
**Homework: Packet, TBA**

Wednesday, May 22

Discussion: State and Local Government  
 Review for test  
**Homework: Study for test**

Thursday, May 23

TEST: ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES and STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
**Homework: Study for Final Exams**

Friday, May 24

Discussion: Review for NCFE  
**Homework: Study for Final Exams**

Monday, May 27

NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY

Tuesday, May 28

Discussion: Review for NCFE  
 Honesty Day  
**Homework: Study for Final Exams**

Wednesday, May 29

FINAL EXAMS BEGIN

**Friday, May 31: 1:00-4:00**

**Civics NCFE (state requirement; no exemptions)**

**Monday, June 3: 1:00-4:00**

**AP GoPo Final: Exemptions apply if you have:**

* **An “A” average in GoPo with six or fewer combined absences**
* **A “B” average in GoPo with four or fewer combined absences**