



This class is entitled Social Issues and we will be discussing just that... the CURRENT SOCIAL ISSUES that reside in our town, state, country, and world today. Through the semester you will be asked to understand, analyze, interpret, and discover political, economic, social, and cultural issues that affect not just you, but the world as a whole. Our class will examine how you as students, Americans, and citizens play roles in the global setting and how decisions today can and will effect tomorrow.

**The units covered in this course include:**

1.	Overview of US System of Government
2.	Racism in America
3.	Poverty
4.	Environment and Energy
5.	Terrorism
6.	Death Penalty
7.	Abortion
8.	Gun Rights
9.	Hate Crimes
10.	Citizenship/Immigration
11.	Topic chosen by the class

**Grading policy for this course.**

TESTS	QUIZ	HOMEWORK	CLASS WORK/PARTICIPATION
50-60%	20-30%	10-20%	5-10%

Each student's grade in this course consists of his or her tests, quizzes, homework, class work/participation (based on attitude, attendance, and class participation). In addition, class cuts are greatly discouraged as a penalty of **10 points** will be deducted from their *class grade average* for each instance of an **illegal class cut**. Progress reports will be sent home 5 weeks into each marking quarter. Please note, extra help will be gladly given on an individual basis both before and after school. Please see me at least one day before to schedule times.

If you or your parents/guardians wish to speak to me personally regarding class progress or have any questions regarding matters concerning this class, I can be reached through the school at the following number: 716.8200 or via email [nantonucci@sachem.edu](mailto:nantonucci@sachem.edu).

My goal is to provide a good, sound educational experience and for students to enjoy being in this class. *Good attendance, punctuality and respect for classmates* and the *teacher* are very important in my class. With your help and support we can work together towards this end.



### Expectations Contract

As your **Public Policy and Social Issues** teacher this year, I would like to share some expectations and information about the course. The following expectations are designed to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and heightened achievement. Please read the rules below with your son or daughter.

#### Student Responsibilities:

- ❖ Come to class prepared to learn with all required materials.
- ❖ Respect other students and teachers.
- ❖ Lateness will not be tolerated. The only late that is accepted is with a valid pass. Detention will be assigned for those students that are continuously late.
- ❖ Class cutting will not be tolerated. For each time that a class cut is noted **5 points** will be deducted from the *total class average (i.e. From an 80-75)*.
- ❖ Homework must be completed on a weekly basis. Homework **CAN NOT** be made up.
- ❖ Have pride in your work. Late work will be penalized.
- ❖ Take responsibility – consult with your teacher the first day back after any absence. You are accountable for any missed work. You have as many days as you were absent to make up the missed work.
- ❖ Tests and quizzes can be made up on a free period or after school, within a week of missing the Test or Quiz. Failure to make up a Test or a Quiz will result in a Zero.

#### Teacher Responsibilities:

- ❖ Provide interesting, effective instruction.
- ❖ Support the development of the skills necessary for successful learning.
- ❖ Assignments will be provided on my website so students and parents can see what is coming up.
- ❖ Respect student' different learning styles.
- ❖ Grade and return student work and tests promptly.
- ❖ To effectively keep the channels of communication open between parents/guardians and myself.
- ❖ Extra help will be given after school or when an appointment is requested. Extra help is also given the day before a Test or Quiz.

I am looking forward to a successful year for us all. **Parents and Guardians:** Again, if you have any questions or comments, please call me at 631.716.8200 or email me at [nantonucci@sachem.edu](mailto:nantonucci@sachem.edu). You may also make a comment on the attached page or submit a letter.

 **Return the bottom Portion by 2-10-17**

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Dear Mr. Antonucci

We have read the class responsibilities and agree that we will create an atmosphere for effective learning. We have discussed these responsibilities with our child and will support this agreement.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write any additional comments below: