

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SECONDARY SCHOOL
CIVICS (CHV 20/20F)

Credits: 0.5

COURSE OUTLINE:

In Civics, students explore what it means to be a responsible citizen in the local, national, and global arenas.

UNIT 1: Democratic Values **20 hrs**

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- Describe beliefs and values associated with democratic citizenship
- Analyze key rights and responsibilities associated with citizenship and ways in which these rights are protected

UNIT 2: Governance in Canada **20 hrs**

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- Explain the roles and responsibilities of various institutions, structures and figures in Canadian governance

UNIT 3: Civic Engagement and Action **15 hrs**

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- Analyse a variety of civic contributions
- Assess ways in which people express their perspectives on issues
- Analyse a civic issue of personal interest and develop a plan of action to address it

N.B. Political inquiry skills and transferable skills will be layered into the units

EVALUATION

The final grade for each course:

- 70% of the grade will be based on assessment and evaluation conducted throughout the course.
- 30% of the grade will be based on summative evaluations administered towards the end of the course.

Guidelines for Missed Evaluations and Academic Fraud:

1. Upon missing a test or presentation, students will be required at the teacher's discretion, either to;
 - a) Complete the test or presentation immediately upon return to school; or
 - b) Make arrangements with the teacher for a make-up; or
 - c) Write the missed test Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. of that week.

Failure to complete it according to the negotiated schedule will result in a mark of zero.

Note: Certain forms of formal summative evaluations (exams, summative project presentations, etc.) are time sensitive. This means they must be completed at and within a specific time. Students must be present for these summative evaluations.

2. If an assignment is late or incomplete, a student will be provided with a second opportunity. Students who are provided with a second opportunity, **shall do so within five school days**. If no evidence is forthcoming after five days, a mark of zero will be assigned.
3. Copied, borrowed or stolen work provides no evidence of learning. Teacher will document and archive the work in question. Students may be allowed to resubmit the assignment. The teacher and administrator will define the parameters for the completion of this task.

Attendance Policy:

- You are responsible for catching up on class notes and completing any assignments for which you were absent
- Your parents are required to notify the office when you are absent
- **All missed course exams must be excused with a doctor's certificate**

General Course Information:

Textbook: Participating in a Democratic Society (\$66.64)
