**Youth and Law Syllabus**

Welcome to Youth and Law! This semester we will examine a number of constitutional issues and interpretations, along with the workings of the United States Supreme Court. We will focus on the First Amendment as it applies to the rights of students in schools, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to privacy, and equal protection. Major units will end with moot court activities with students playing the roles of lawyers and Supreme Court Justices.

**How you will be graded…**

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| Homework | Homework must be turned in on time to receive full credit. You may turn in late homework for half credit within one week of the due date. | 20% |
| Participation | You will be expected to regularly participate in class discussion. Students must be respectful of each other. | 15% |
| Assessments | Quizzes will assess basic comprehension and will have multiple choice questions. Tests will be comprised of written response questions and will be open-notes. Students will also be evaluated on their moot court performances. | 50% |
| Final | The final for this class will be a hands-on moot court activity. More information will be given as we reach the end of the semester | 15% |

**Grading Scale**

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

<60 F

**Classroom Rules**

* Be Respectful!
* Come to class prepared every day. This includes a binder and a writing utensil.
* Students are given three bathroom passes during the length of the course.
* No food is allowed in class. Students may bring a water bottle.
* Students are not to pack up early or line up at the door. Class is not over until the bell rings.
* ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED.

**Class Website**

Weekly schedules, homework assignments, notes, and resources for this class can be found at ryanhollister.weebly.com

**Contact Information**

Please feel free to see me for extra help, suggestions, or any problems that may arise. I can be found in room 3001 before school. I can be contacted via email at [ryan.hollister@d300.org](mailto:ryan.hollister@d300.org). My office phone is 847-792-3500 ext. 3761. EMAIL IS THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT ME.

**Films and Documentaries**

We will be viewing and discussing a number of films and documentaries focusing on the topics covered in this course. The film “Recount,” which focuses controversy surrounding the 2000 presidential election, is rated “R” for language. We will also be watching “Muhammad Ali’s Greatest Fight,” which focuses on civil rights and religious exemptions. Students must have parental/guardian permission to view these films. If they do not, an alternative assignment will be given.

**Youth & Law**

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parents (Guardians) and students:**

Please review the course guide carefully, CHECK EACH BOX, and sign below.

□ We have read and understand the students expectations.

□ We have reviewed and understand the grading procedures.

□ We understand that the student must have a binder.

□ We understand that assignments, notes, and resources can be found on the class website, ryanhollister.weebly.com

□ We know how to contact Mr. Hollister during the school day. 847-792-3500 ext. 3761 or [ryan.hollister@d300.org](mailto:ryan.hollister@d300.org)

□ We understand that NO CELLPHONES ARE ALLOWED IN MR. HOLLISTER’S ROOM

□ We give permission for our child to view the films “Recount” and “Muhammad Ali’s Greatest Fight”

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) ­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your time. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hollister