



# Monica Katharopoulos

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**CLASSES TAUGHT:**  
Sociology, Government,  
AP Government, Law and Justice

### ABOUT ME:

I graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Political Science and Psychology. I earned my teaching certification with a concentration in English from Madonna University.

### GRADING POLICY

All assignments, tests, quizzes, essays, group activities, projects, etc. will receive a point value that is recorded in the grade book. The points a student earns during a quarter are added up and divided by the total points possible to determine a final grade.

### HOMEWORK/LATE WORK POLICY

Assignments, due dates, test dates, study guides, etc. are all posted on Google Classroom. My Social Studies courses utilize digital textbook platforms where their reading assignments are posted as well. Students in all of my courses complete a variety of individual, partner, and small group assignments, projects and activities in the classroom. In terms of homework, all of my classes have near daily reading assignments with written assignments intermingled throughout the week.

Due dates for all assignments are posted in advance on Google Classroom. It is the student's responsibility to hand in all assignments on or before the posted due date. Late work will be accepted per my discretion with a markdown of one letter grade per each day late. It is important to keep the communication lines open. If a student does not have an assignment when it is due, he or she should always talk to me about it to determine an appropriate next step.

### HOW CAN A STUDENT SUCCEED IN YOUR CLASS?

- Be in class every day with all the necessary materials including supplies & assignments due.
- Chromebooks must be charged and ready for use at all times. Chromebooks are only to be used when instructed to do so by me.
- Show respect for all people and the school environment.
- Participate in class discussions on a daily basis.
- Review your class notes and textbook on a daily basis. Utilize the study tools available on your textbook platforms.
- Study for all tests and quizzes and refer to the posted study guides.
- Talk with me when questions or concerns arise. I am happy to help! Since I teach reduced hours, I am not here before school. But I am available at other times like homeroom and possibly after school. Please send me an email or talk to me to set up a time to meet.

### BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU/COMMUNICATE

The best way to reach me for a timely response is through my email: [katharopoulos@bishop-foley.org](mailto:katharopoulos@bishop-foley.org). I can also be reached at (248) 585-1210 ext. 354. Voicemail messages will be checked and returned after classes. Google Classroom is a valuable source of information as it contains study guides, due dates, test dates, etc.

While some Google Classroom assignments receive a grade on that platform, those grades are not representative of a student's overall progress. There are other grades students receive on assessments not graded through that platform. All assessment grades are posted on FACTS making that the most accurate source to track a student's quarterly progress.

