This course is designed as a one-semester course committed to providing young adults with a practical business and basic economic education. Students will understand basic economic concepts, and be able to reason logically about key economic issues that affect their lives as workers, consumers and citizens. Students will be able to recognize that economists hold differing views on various economic issues. A special focus will be placed on learning the ins and outs of the stock market through simulation practice. Students will be able to recognize the various types of business organizations such as sole owner, partnership, and corporation and how each of these functions in the global economy.

During the course of the year, we will cover the following areas:

1) Fundamental Economics Concepts
   a. Ch 1: Basic Concepts (Factors of production, goods & services, etc.)
   b. Ch 2: Economic Systems
   c. Ch 3: Business Organizations

2) Microeconomics: Prices & Markets
   a. Ch 4-5: Demand & Supply
   b. Ch 6-7: Prices & Market Structures

3) Economic Institutions & Issues
   a. Ch 11: Financial Markets

4) Macroeconomics: Performance & Stabilization
   a. Ch 13: Economic Instability

5) The Global Economy
   a. Ch 16: International Trade
   b. Ch 18: Global Challenge

Economics Textbook:

Grading/Assessment Methods:
Everyone learns differently! For example, some students might prefer to do projects over tests while others would rather take a test than spend time on a project. Therefore, there will be a variety of ways to evaluate your work. This may be accomplished through daily discussion/participation, daily assignments, quizzes, chapter/unit tests, projects/presentations, and a final exam.

Class Projects & Experiences
Class projects and experiences are a fun way to learn class material. This allows you to have hands on experience with information being discussed. These projects are graded on a separate basis and may be equal to or count more in value than an exam.

Assignments:
Organization is a key to being a successful student! It is expected that all assignments and projects will be handed in on time. Assignments are due at the beginning of the class period. If homework is handed in after the assignment is collected, it will be considered one day late. If homework is handed in late, you may lose up to one letter grade for each day it is late. The week’s itinerary will be written out each Monday. Lesson plans, posted on my website, will be updated for each chapter/unit.

Cumulative Semester Exam:
In order to gauge information learned during the semester, a cumulative semester exam may be given at the end of each semester.

Class Behavior:
Learning can be fun and exciting if students behave and act appropriately. Therefore, it is expected that all students will behave and act accordingly. Listed below is the classroom discipline plan that will be followed in the classroom.

1. Follow Directions
2. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
3. Be in seat with all materials when bell rings
4. No teasing, swearing, or obscene gestures
5. No severe behavior

Technology
Technology can be a fundamental tool in the education process as long as it is utilized appropriately and as intended. Technology will be an integral part of my classroom. Misuse of technology in my classroom may result in sanctions.
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3. Differentiate among the factors of production of land, labor, capital, and entrepreneurship.

4. Analyze the relationship between households and businesses in a market economy using the circular flow chart.

5. Define and assess advantages and disadvantages of sole-proprietorship, partnership, and corporations in a market economy.

6. Explain how scarcity, choice, and opportunity costs impact economic decision making at all levels by using a production possibilities curve.

7. Apply marginal analysis in the economic decision making process.

8. Students will demonstrate how the forces of supply and demand impact economic decision making.

9. Compare and contrast the characteristics of perfectly competitive and less competitive market structures.

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19. Predict the degree of economic impact of different types of unemployment and different variables creating inflation by using appropriate data.

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Website/Email:
My website will have the lesson plans for the current chapter/unit. You will be able to find out what you are doing the next day in class and when you are having a test or a quiz. This site also includes other educational information. You can find cool links and maybe even some extra credit opportunities! The address is www.mrsfischbach.weebly.com. You can email me anytime with questions or concerns. I will get back to you as soon as possible. My email address is deanna.fischbach@k12.sd.us.

Extra Credit:
Extra credit will be available throughout each semester. Please keep in mind that some extra credit will not be added to your grade until the end of each quarter.

Bonus Question of the Week: This is a weekly extra credit opportunity. At the beginning of each week, a question will be posted on the board. Answers are to be turned in by the end of the week. If correct, one extra credit point will be awarded. The correct answer will be given the following week. If you bring in a question (with the correct answer), and it is used in class, you will be awarded two points for that week.

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