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Dear Parents,

I am honored to be your child’s Economics teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. I would like to let you know that I have high expectations for my students regarding classroom, SGM, and Georgia Milestone performance. I expect them to complete classwork/homework and projects by due dates given. I also expect my students to score an 80 or above on formative, summative, SGM, and GMS assessments.

I am one of those teachers who love to meet parents and my door is always open for you – any time of day. If it is during class and we are in the middle of a lesson – I will either invite you in to join us or ask you to wait a minute until I can get to a stopping point. I think communication is the best tool between teachers and parents. So, to start this school year off on a positive note I would like to ask you to also read the class syllabus and sign the Student/ Parent or Guardian Agreement form that is attached. Please make sure you provide a working phone number and an email address so that we can stay in communication with each other. Please visit my website for information, dates, classwork, etc. at <https://jmdunlap.educatorpages.com>. I use Remind101.com to communicate with parents and students. I will use it to text you and your child reminders about assignments, dates, etc. You and your child can send the following text “@k3fa8k“ to 442-333-4180 to join to receive reminders about the class.

I have listed below some things for your information regarding your child’s Economics learning experience:

* Ask them about HOMEWORK - they will have it. Regretfully, many students don’t do their homework, and then wonder why they aren’t passing. Encourage them to complete *all* assignments and turn them in.
* The textbook we use is: *Economics Principles & Practices* by Glencoe; cost is 66.48 if lost or damaged. They will be assigned a book the first week of school and it is going to be a book they keep at home (in a safe place) to use as a resource. The students will be given Economic Reading Guides that will be the number one source (in addition to notes, etc.) for our study of economics.

*Special to note:*

**The Economics coursework itself will count for 80% of their overall grade. They will have an Economics Georgia Milestone Test that will be administered in May for 20% of their final grade!**

***Grade Breakdown*:**

**0-67 Beginning Learner – 68-79 Developing Learner – 80-91 Proficient Learner – 92-100 Distinguished Learner**

Please help me in making your child understand the importance of passing the GMS. So, I need to let you know that I am going to PUSH your students hard in regard to learning the material – and we will be going quickly in order to learn all the material your child will be tested on. But – I won’t ask them to do anything I don’t think they can do. I believe our students can perform to the highest of expectations; but the trick is getting them to believe in themselves. This is where I need your help more than ever. Encourage, help, give self-confidence and just be there for them when they need that self-esteem boost or that nudge to study. Together – we can get our students in the Distinguished Learner category!!

* I will do my best to contact you if I have concerns about your child’s grade or behavior. If you have concerns, please call me at 706-565-2960 (KHS) or email dunlap.janice.m@muscogee.k12.ga.us or

Many Thanks,

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