

Pre-Course/Parallel Assignment for Advanced Placement Microeconomics

Harrison High School

2026-2027 School Year

Get a copy of *Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science* by Charles Wheelan. You will need the book for the duration of economics which is taught for the school year in the AP course.

The book will be used for enrichment of topics taught throughout the course and will be assessed through reading quizzes. You will be allowed to take handwritten notes and use them on the reading quizzes (no typed notes, printouts, or sharing of notes between students). Selected chapters will be paired with our units and students will have a reading quiz during the unit. Unit 0 will have multiple quizzes throughout the unit (see below). You can get a head start by reading the chapters that go with Unit 0. Unit 0 quizzes will begin shortly after the first 10 days of school with Chapters 9-10 first.

Unit 0: Macroeconomics, International, and Personal Finance

*There will be 3 separate quizzes during this unit

Chapters 9 (keeping score on economy size) and 10 (Federal Reserve)

Chapters 11 (international economics) and 12 (trade and globalization)

Chapter 7 (financial markets)

Unit 1: Fundamental Economic Concepts

Chapter 2 (incentives) and 6 (productivity and human capital)

Unit 2: Intro to Markets

Chapter 1 (the power of markets) and 5 (economics of information)

Unit 3: Production, Cost, and Perfect Competition

No chapters for this unit

Unit 4: Imperfect Competition

No chapters from this unit

Unit 5: Factor Markets

No chapters from this unit

Unit 6: Market Failures and the Role of Government

Chapters 3 (government and the economy 1) and 4 (government and the economy 2)

You can contact Mr. Thompson at Robert.Thompson@cobbk12.org if you have any questions about this assignment.