

American Government

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Course Units

- ★ Foundational Questions
- ★ Federal, State, and Local Governments
- ★ Influence on Political Behavior
- ★ Global Interconnectedness
- ★ U.S. Economic Systems
- ★ Financial Literacy
- ★ Success and Struggles within Government
- ★ **Civics Test to Graduate

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Productive civic engagement requires knowledge of the historical foundations and principles of American democracy, understanding the unique processes of local, state, and national institutions, and the skills necessary to apply civic dispositions and democratic principles. In this semester long course, students will analyze the powers and civic responsibilities of citizens and examine the origins, functions, and structure of the U.S. government. Content will include multiple historical eras and the various changing perspectives in America's past, as well as connections between historical events.

EXPECTATIONS

*"Feelings are something you have; not something you are."
-Shannon Alder*

You are responsible for your behavior and actions and the consequences that may result from them. Choosing to come to school prepared with a good attitude will take you far! Below are a few things I expect from you.

- Do share your thoughts and be respectful of opposing views
- Do the assigned work before it's due
- Do not cheat (from the internet or your friends)
- Try your best to be an active participant in class
- Attempt the work! Tryyyy to do the bare minimum if that's all you got
- Believe in yourself
- Ask questions (because I cannot read your mind)
- Come prepared with your Ipad charged
- Be in uniform (#swag)
- Do get your make-up work from me if absent

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CLASS POLICIES

GRADING POLICY

"I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'"

- Muhammad Ali

Grading is a reflection of one's achievement on a variety of assessments. Grades are earned, not given. You will earn a course grade based on your performance in the following categories:

Class Participation: 20%

Classwork (Assignments): 35%

Assessments: 45%

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments posted or sent after the due date will be considered late and reduced. Should there be a medical or family emergency, and to avoid reduction of grade, contact me prior to the assignment due date. Make it a habit to check google classroom for missing work or if you are unclear about what you need or missed, please ask me.

CHECKING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be updated every week. At least one grade will be entered per week. I strongly advise that you and a parent check online weekly on Infinite Campus. Communicate with me any questions or concerns as soon as possible. I have no problem answering any questions and clarifying any confusion.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

You will have access to use devices in the classroom (Ipads). You are responsible for taking care of your Ipad and will be liable for any costs for damages incurred. In addition, if you lose a charger you will need to deposit \$5 to get a school issued one. If you return it at the end of the school year you'll get your money back. Refer to the agreement form sent home at the beginning of the school year for more information about technology use.

GRADES

A: 90-100%

B: 80-89%

C: 70-79%

D: 60-69%