

Civics

Course Syllabus for

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Students MUST bring their Chromebook to class EVERY DAY!!! This is NOT OPTIONAL. You should automatically be added to our class Google Classroom this year. All work will be completed and turned in through Google Classroom.

COURSE DESCRIPTION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

The government course provides students with a background in the philosophy, functions, and structure of the United States government. Students examine the philosophical foundations of the United States government and how that philosophy developed. Students also examine the structure and function of the United States government and its relationship to states and citizens.. For a complete look at the Georgia Standards of Excellence (American Government/Civics) go to georgiastandards.org.

COURSE UNITS

Unit 1: Introduction to Government

Unit 2: Foundations of American Government

Unit 3: The Constitution & Federalism

Unit 4: Political Parties & Ideology

Unit 5: Campaigns and Elections

Unit 6: The Legislative Branch

Unit 7: The Executive Branch

Unit 8: The Judicial Branch

Unit 9: Civil Liberties

Unit 10: Foreign Policy and Comparative Government

Unit 11: State & Local Government

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION/LEARNING

Students will be given an opportunity daily to participate in class activities to learn about the history of the government of the United States. It is the student's responsibility to come to class prepared to learn and to be a positive addition to the classroom each day.

***Class lecture/discussion/demonstration *Document-Based *Question/answer *Performance/learning tasks**

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

Students will be responsible for **all school rules** in addition to the following.

- **Arrive on time. Sit in your *assigned* seat.**
- **Take care of bathroom needs before class.**
- Listen to others and participate in class discussions.
- Do not interrupt other students' learning.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- **Pick up after yourself. No vandalism. Don't write or carve on your desk or school property. Do not write on whiteboards!**

- **Cell phones and headphones must be removed and put away in designated area before class EVERY DAY.**
- **When absent or if you fall behind in class, it is your responsibility to arrange a time for you to come in for extra help.**
- **Keep a positive attitude!**

GRADING POLICY

Tests/Projects/Presentations	30%	Includes projects and tests at the end of each unit
Quizzes/Projects/Assignments	40%	Includes quizzes and important graded assignments
Daily Work/Participation	10%	May include daily grades, warm ups, short homework assignments, weekly participation, etc.
9 week exam	20%	End-of-9-weeks project or exam

MAKE-UP WORK, LATE WORK, & EXTRA HELP:

It is the responsibility of students who are absent (excused) to make up missing work. **LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Help sessions are available by appointment only. Students should see the instructor to schedule an appointment.

MATERIALS:

****It is mandatory that students bring chromebooks to class everyday. Students that forget to bring their chromebook will fall behind.***

Student Signature_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Parent/Guardian Email_____

****Please note that the syllabus is subject to change at the teacher's discretion.***