
Course Description: Students will study the purposes, principles, and practices of American government as established by the Constitution. Students are expected to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens and how to exercise these rights and responsibilities in local, state, and national government. Students will learn the structure and processes of the government of the state of Tennessee and various local governments. The reading of primary source documents is a key feature of United States Government and Civics standards.

Course Expectations: Students are expected to be prepared each day for class and be ready to contribute to our daily discussion(s) and/or activity(ies). In addition, students will be held to the following classroom expectations:

- Read and follow directions;
- Be respectful to everyone in the classroom and their ideas/beliefs at all times;
- Keep cell phones and electronic devices away;
- Come prepared to learn (i.e. attentive, participate);
- Take pride in your work; and
- Take the initiative in your academic career.

Class Rules:
1. Be on time and ready to learn - when the bell rings, you need to be sitting in your assigned seat quietly working on the starter activity;
2. No cell phones or other electronic devices allowed unless I specifically allow them;
3. No food or drink (except water) allowed;
4. Raise your hand to be acknowledged;
5. Remain attentive and in your seat for the duration of the class - never line up at the door before dismissal;
6. Respect others and school property; and
7. All other district and school rules apply – see school handbook for details

Usual Consequences:
1st Verbal Warning
2nd Change of seat
3rd Phone call or email to parents
4th Written up

Attendance:
1. Students are responsible for seeing me about work missed when absent;
2. Make up tests and quizzes will be scheduled on an individual basis;
3. Failure to make up work, quizzes, and/or tests in the time allotted will result in a zero; and
4. In the event of an excused absence, students are expected to make up work missed within a reasonable time. In the event of an unexcused absence, one day of makeup time shall be allowed for each day of unexcused absence.
**Grades:** Students will be graded on a point system whereby all work will be awarded points and the total points earned will be averaged by the total possible points at the end of the nine-week period.

**Grading Scale:**
A.................93-100  
B.................85-92  
C.................75-84  
D.................70-74  
F..................Below 70

*This syllabus incorporates by reference all Shelby County Schools and Germantown High School rules, regulations, expectations, policies, and procedures.*

Note: This syllabus is a general outline and is subject to change in order to accommodate class and/or individual needs.

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We have read this class information and understand the expectations for American Government.

Print Student: ________________________________ Period __________

Signed Student ______________________________ Date: ________________

Student Email ________________________________

Parent: ______________________________ Date: ________________

Parent Email ________________________________