**U.S. Government/Econ (Grade 12) Course Description and Expectations**

The course provides an in-depth analysis of the American governmental structure viewed from the three levels of the federal system. Specific attention is paid to the interplay of the governmental and economic system. The interactions of Democracy and Capitalism, as well as the evolution of contrary ideologies, are examined. A foundation for the course of study is established through a critical look at the formative years of the republic and the creation of the Constitution. The uniqueness of our Federal system is explored. The extra-constitutional nature and the roles of political parties are examined. The separation and division of powers at the local, state, and federal levels are studied within the confines of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. Major emphasis is place on the federal level, but the state and local government are also reviewed. The academic sections will cover the basic course content but may expand upon the material, consider issues in more depth, and may vary in activities and assignments.

Expectations

* Complete assignments on time Students should be prepared for class each day (textbook, pencil, notebook etc.)
* Maintain an organized notebook
* Students should be on time to class
* Treat others with respect and courtesy
* No Cursing
* No Cell Phone Use
* ***If you are absent, it is the students responsibility to makeup any missed quiz, test, homework or project assignment***
* TO LEARN AND AT THE SAME TIME ...***HAVE FUN!***

 Grading

* Homework***: worksheets, type II, and III writing assignments, activities, etc.*** Completed on time or 10% off each day late and after the 3rd day the assignment equates to a zero
* Tests and Quiz grades are worth 60% of the students grade
* Homework is worth 20% of the students grade
* Activites /Projects are worth 20% of the students grade
* Final Exam at the present time is worth 20% of the students grade

Student/Parent Acknowledgement

Printed Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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