



## **American Government/Civics Course Syllabus Eighth Grade 2021-2022**

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### **Course Description**

This 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.

\*\*Please note that classroom content will be differentiated to best meet the needs of each learner according to the requirements of the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE). A detailed description of the standards can be found on the Georgia Department of Education website or [www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org).

### **Grading Procedure**

Students will receive three categories of grades:

- Summative Assessments (Test/Projects) – 20%
- Formative Assessments (Classwork/Homework/Quizzes) – 60%
- Cumulative EOC Test – 20%

Projects are assigned throughout a semester, and tests are given at the end of each unit. Benchmarks will assess mastery of standards and include multiple choice and open ended questions.

### **Absences/Late Work**

Assignments will be posted in the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS). If you are absent from class, check Canvas to determine what was missed. Any tests or quizzes missed due to absence will be administered once a student returns to class. All assignments must be turned in by the posted due date in Canvas. Any assignment turned in after the posted due date may be penalized by one Letter Grade. (Note: If your classwork is late due to UNFORESEEN circumstances (illness, family emergency, etc.), let me know and the late penalty MAY be waived.) The last day late work will be accepted is ONE WEEK prior to the end of the 9 Week grading period.

### **Class Rules and Expectations**

Students are expected to behave in an appropriate manner that does not disrupt the learning environment or disrespect anyone in the classroom. Class rules will be discussed during the first days of class. Refer to the RCBOE Code of Conduct for details.

### **Communication**

Email and Remind will be used to inform students and parents/guardians of upcoming classroom activities, assignments and assessments, but please remember that everything will be posted in Canvas. Communication from home is also highly encouraged. Parent Portal and Canvas will be updated regularly and is also another excellent tool to keep updated with student progress. Please indicate the email address in which you want to receive updates and class announcements.