**American Government Syllabus (2024-2025)**

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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.

**Supplies:** Paper, Pencil, Pen, Highlighter, 3 prong folder with pockets (purple or yellow if possible)

**Grading Policy:**

* **Major Grades: 40%**
* **Minor Grades: 60%**
* Tests will always be announced in advance. Tests will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions.
* Assignments must be turned in on time either on Canvas or in your student folder.
* You have 5 school days to complete missed assignments for full credit. There will be a 5% reduction in grade each day during those 5 days. After 5 days, depending on the assignment and the circumstances, you will receive a 50 or a 0.

**Relearn/Reassess/Credit Recovery:** If you fail a test or assessment, you may attempt to retake and replace that grade after completing a reassessment form. I will provide that form upon request. This is not a guarantee; and you will need to take the initiative and pursue this without me having to ask you multiple times.

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Always sit in your assigned seat.
* Follow directions on the board when entering the classroom and be prepared to work.
* Show respect to your classmates and teacher.

The discipline policy of the Richmond County School System will be adhered to. The first violation will be recorded, and the student will be advised on how to correct the situation. The second offense will be documented, and a parent or guardian will be contacted. The third violation will be referred to an administrator.

**Cellphone/Electronic devices:** Phones, airpods, headphones, smart watches, iPads, etc. are strictly prohibited. You may use your school-issued laptop to access Canvas and to complete assignments and projects when applicable.