**American Government and Civics Syllabus (2024)**

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**Course Description:**

In this American Government course, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the United States government. We will explore the philosophical underpinnings that shaped the nation's government, its structural and functional aspects, and the relationship between the federal government, the states, and the citizens. By delving into these topics, students will gain insights into the principles and operations that define American governance.

**Course Outline:**

* **Unit 1:** Foundations of American Government
* **Unit 2:** The Federal System and its Formation
* **Unit 3:** The Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties
* **Unit 4:** The Legislative Branch
* **Unit 5:** The Executive Branch
* **Unit 6:** The Judicial Branch
* **Unit 7:** The Election Process and Civic Responsibility
* **Unit 8:** Georgia Government and State Constitution

**Tutoring Hours:** For additional help, please schedule a tutoring session with Mrs. Mouna. Tutoring is available after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:10 PM to 3:50 PM.

**Supplies:**

* Paper
* Pencil
* Pen
* Highlighter

**Grading Policy:**

* **Major Grades:** 40% of the final grade.
* **Minor Grades:** 60% of the final grade
* Late work will incur a 5% penalty per day. No late work will be accepted after five school days.

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Remain seated in your assigned spot.
* Follow the instructions displayed on the board upon entering the classroom and be ready to engage in the lesson.
* Treat classmates and the teacher with respect.
* Adhere to the Richmond County School System’s discipline policy. The first violation will result in a warning and guidance for improvement. The second violation will lead to documentation and contact with a parent or guardian. The third violation will involve referral to an administrator.

**Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy:**

* **No Cell Phones or Electronics During Instruction:** Keep cell phones, smartwatches, and other devices out of sight from the morning bell until dismissal.
* **Devices Must Be Stored Away:** Devices should be put away during school hours, including in common areas and hallways.
* **Emergency Use:** For emergencies, use the main office. Parents can reach students through the school office, and safety concerns can be reported anonymously at (706) 828-1077.

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