

American Government Syllabus - Mr. Wagner

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American Government Overview - Over the course of the school year this class will focus on the following topics:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Different political and economic systems found in the world➤ Background and text of the United States Constitution➤ 3 Branches of Government➤ Rights of Citizens and Constitutional Amendments➤ Current Domestic and Foreign Policy issues➤ Basic Economics	Grading Policy: grades are calculated on a straight forward points basis. 1pt earned from a homework assignment is worth the same as 1pt earned on a test. The school district grading policy will be followed for letter grade calculation. You can expect there to be about 400-500pts in a quarter with a majority of those coming from tests/quizzes and homework.
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Classroom Procedures

- Drills completed on a daily basis within the 1st 2 – 3 minutes of class.
- Homework needs to be turned in **on the due date**.
- Materials needed every day – **pen/pencil, 3 ring binder, paper, textbook & Chromebook. Chromebooks need to be charged and ready to use every day.**
- Electronics, such as cell phones, smart watches, earbuds/headphones should not be used during class unless needed for the lesson and approved by the teacher.
- BE ON TIME
- **Respect** the ideas of your classmates (We will debate a wide variety of current event topics facing the country. You do not have to agree with your classmates' views but you do need to respect them in a professional manner)
- Students in this course may attend a field trip, appropriate dress will be required such as a collared shirt, tie, and dress pants for the men and something similar for the ladies. No t-shirts or jeans unless otherwise approved by the teacher.
- Absents – a zero will be entered in the gradebook for any graded assignment if you are absent that day. If the absence is excused, you will be allowed to make up the assignment in a timely manner. If you are on a field trip for another class you are expected to turn in any assignments that are due or check about any assignments that may have been assigned while you missed class. **It is your responsibility to make arrangements for missed work while absent.** District policy will be followed if it is determined that the absence was unexcused, this means that the zero will stay in the gradebook.
- **Academic Integrity & Plagiarism:** Copying another person's work and using it as your own will not be tolerated. If the teacher determines that plagiarism or any other form of academic dishonesty has occurred, disciplinary action will be taken that could include an adjustment in the grade and other appropriate discipline based on the offense.
- As a general rule, assignments will not be accepted late. I do reserve the right to extend or change due dates on an individual basis as needed.

* The Instructor reserves the right to make changes to the Syllabus as needed