

Beal City High School
Government

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Government is a one-credit Social Studies class that is required for graduation. This course is designed to introduce relevant concepts of American Government. During the semester we will consider personal beliefs and how they relate to politics. We will also examine the structure of our Federal and State Government. Throughout the course students will be encouraged to consider various viewpoints. I believe this leads to a better understanding of their own beliefs and respect of society as a whole.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

- ▶ Class participation is mandatory for the Government class.
- ▶ Many assignments will include group and class discussions.
- ▶ Your attention is expected and required for every class period.
- ▶ You will be expected to participate in class on a daily basis and your willingness to do so will be reflected in your grade.

ASSIGNMENTS

- ▶ Late assignments will receive 50% off of the points earned and if your assignment is more than 1 day late, you will not receive credit.
- ▶ All assignments are due on Fridays in the Government class, unless otherwise specified.
- ▶ For every excused absence, you will be given the same number of days to complete your assignments for full credit, as stated in the Handbook.
- ▶ All late assignments, regardless of whether they are excused or not, must be attached to a completed Homework Excuse Note – located on the in-box.
- ▶ If you miss an assignment that involves class participation you may be required to complete a written assignment in place of it.
- ▶ You will receive a Homework Coupon. This may be used in place of an assignment less than 25 points. The Coupon may not be used on quizzes or tests. You will be responsible to keep track of your Coupon. If you lose it, you will not receive another one.
- ▶ Any assignment or project that has been assigned at least 3 days prior to the due date will still be due if you are in attendance anytime during the day at Beal City

High School – regardless of whether you come to Government class. You will be responsible to turn it in to me personally or leave it in the office to be turned in my mailbox.

GRADING

- ▶ You will be assessed in a variety of ways throughout the semester. You will be assigned projects, class assignments, group discussions and scheduled exams.
- ▶ Your participation, effort and attitude will be part of your final grade for each of the nine weeks.
- ▶ You will receive a progress report every two weeks. A parent or guardian must sign your progress report. This is not extra credit – it is a graded assignment.
- ▶ You will take a cumulative final exam at the end of the second semester that will cover material from the entire class. A study guide will be provided for you and I will also hold at least two review sessions.

EXTRA CREDIT

- ▶ Extra Credit will occasionally be given throughout the semester. Those people who turn all of their required assignments in will be eligible for extra credit points.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Be respectful to everyone in the class.
- ▶ You will be required to give two public “put-ups” if you choose to put anyone down in class.

FRIDAYS

- ▶ Our class will be studying real Teen Court Cases on Fridays during the first nine weeks of Government class.
- ▶ There will be a variety of reading assignments, group work and many topics to consider.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR CLASS

- ▶ You will be required to come to class prepared every day. This means that you will have your textbook (except on Fridays unless otherwise stated), a writing utensil, and any homework or other assignments.
- ▶ I suggest to those students who find themselves unorganized that they purchase a 3-ring binder. This will help you keep all of your graded assignments in order to be used for study purposes.
- ▶ The **MOST IMPORTANT** thing you must bring to class is an open mind and a willingness to learn.

Government class is very important because it is directly related to our daily lives. Students will be encouraged to really think and problem solve. Throughout the course our class will be discussing current issues. Some of these topics can be controversial at times and it is important that you know that everyone will be heard and respected.

Please contact me if there are questions or concerns.
Mrs. Jennifer Gross

Detach on the line

FOR THE STUDENT:

By signing this portion of the syllabus you are stating that you have read the class syllabus and you understand and agree to abide by the classroom expectations. You can expect to participate in discuss in a safe learning environment and will also respect others when they express their views.

Student's signature

date

FOR THE PARENT/ GUARDIAN

By signing this portion of the syllabus you are stating that you have read the class syllabus and you understand it. You are also giving your child permission to participate in classroom discussions with the understanding that they may contain controversial topics as they relate to Government. Separate permission slips will be given for field trips and any movies as needed. Please contact me if you have questions about this.

Parent's signature

date