Danville Area School District
Course Overview and Scope and Sequence

Course Title: American Government
Content Area: Social Studies
Grade Level: 10th Grade
Date Developed: June 2023

COURSE OVERVIEW:

American Government is a one-semester course with a final at the end of study. The course focuses on the study of the Constitution including the system of federalism, government institutions, and the roles of political parties, political participation, and the electoral process. A state mandated Civics Knowledge Test will be administered at the end of the course. This course or AP US Government & Politics is a requirement for all DHS students (suggested for 10th grade year).

ANCHOR STANDARDS:

- PA Civics & Government (5.12)

KEY COURSE TEXT AND MATERIALS:

- *Magruder's American Government* by McClenaghan (2013) - Textbook
- Teacher-created course website used in conjunction with Google Classroom (Google Site)
- Tech Tools - Google tools (sites, classroom, docs, slides, forms)
- Periodical & database sources from DHS Library subscriptions

KEY ASSESSMENTS:

Formative: exit tickets, textbook assignments

Summative: unit tests, unit projects/presentations

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE					
Unit	PRIORITY STANDARDS	SUPPORTING STANDARDS	ASSESSMENT	MATERIALS	TIMEFRAME
A More Perfect Union	PA Civics & Government (5.12)	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Preamble & Perfection writing prompt, unit 1 test	Textbook, teacher site	11 days
We the People & Participation	PA Civics & Government (5.12)	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Media: Inform or influence writing prompt, unit 2 test	Textbook, teacher site	14 days
Legislative Branch	PA Civics & Government (5.12)	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Unit 3 test	Textbook, teacher site	14 days
Executive Branch	PA Civics & Government (5.12)	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Electing a President project, unit 4 test	Textbook, teacher site	14 days
The Bureaucracy	PA Civics & Government (5.12)	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Bureaucracy in Action project/presentation, bureaucracy assessment	Textbook, teacher site	7 days
Judicial Branch	PA Civics & Government	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Court shaping the system writing prompt, unit 6 test	Textbook, teacher site	10 days

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Civil Rights & Liberties	PA Civics & Government (5.12)	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Unit 7 test	Textbook, teacher site	11 days
PA State & Local Government	PA Civics & Government (5.12)	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	PA state & local project	Textbook, teacher site	9 days