

# Participation in Government

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Welcome to Participation in Government! This course will provide students with a basic understanding of civic life, politics, and government. Students will be able to break down components of local, state, and national government and see how they fit into it all by understanding the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a constitutional democracy and a framework for competent and responsible participation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This course focuses on supplementing student understanding of government concepts with hands-on learning experiences, in both school and in the community.

## **Classroom Rules and Expectations:**

- Discover how the government is and will be involved in your life.
- Actively participate in all class activities.
- Pay close attention to local, state, and national news.
- Use the projects to explore personal interests and the role the government has and can have in your areas of interest.
- Be respectful by listening to others, following directions, and using appropriate language.
- Keep all cell phones and other distractions away for the full duration of the class period.

\*\*You are all seniors. In class you are to act like mature, responsible, students.

Any disturbances of any sort in class WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!\*\*

## **Materials:**

Charged Chromebook

Folder

Pens/Pencils

## **Grading:**

As this is a single semester class your course grade will be calculated using the percentages below.

1st Quarter: 40%

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: 40%

Final Exam: 20%

## **Mandatory Out of Class Assignments**

- **Community Service**
  - Every student will be required to complete 10 hours of community service during the semester. Community Service hours must be documented on the community service and signed off on by a supervisor from the event. A reflection of your experience will be required upon the completion of your hours and will count as a test grade. Community service cannot include volunteering for a family member, neighbor or if you are paid for working the event.
  
- **Board Meetings**
  - Every student is required to attend **ONE** school board meeting, and **ONE** town board meeting this semester, each worth a full test grade. At least one board meeting must be completed in the first quarter.  
\*\*If there are any behavior problems of any sort, you will receive a grade of zero!

## **Homework and Attendance Policy:**

If you miss class for any reason **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to come see me to find out what you missed, notes, homework, quizzes, etc. I will make time for make-up tests or quizzes for you, but it is your responsibility to see me!

All homework and projects are expected to be turned in on time. Points will be taken off for every day an assignment is late. If a student is legally absent, no points will be taken but the assignment is due the next class.

It is my expectation that all work completed and turned in will be your own. If you are caught cheating in any form, copying homework or reports, using AI, or using someone else's answers, you will receive a zero for the assignment or test, and your parents will be contacted. If it occurs a second time it will be turned over to the Assistant Principal for further disciplinary action.

All students will be required to have their agenda book in class. You will not be allowed into class late or be allowed to leave class without an agenda pass. Your agenda book is to be used daily to keep track of assignment and project dates. The agenda should be kept intact throughout the year.

Please sign the form below acknowledging that you have read and reviewed this information with your student.

**DO NOT CUT OR TEAR**

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Student Signature

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Parent / Guardian

