American Government -CBE SYLLABUS

Rochester Community Schools

PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT?

The purpose of the American Government is to give students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S politics. Students examine a variety of theoretical perspectives and explanations for various behaviors and their outcomes. In addition to the text, each unit includes reading and interpreting relevant primary documents and national current events.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Academic integrity is essential for a successful learning environment. Teachers must trust the authenticity of a student's work. Cheating undermines this trust and is subject to serious penalties, including a zero on the exam, parental notification, and possible disciplinary action by the vice principal.

The Michigan State Standards can provide the student with a guide as far as what information will be on the CBE. The link below will take you to the Standards.

https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Academic-Standards/Social_Studies_Standards.pdf?rev=7ec086ebb7814277baf6702705fb8007

The Civics & Government Standards begin on page 120.

The seven units of study are as follows:

1. Foundations of American Government
2. The Constitution and Federalism
3. Individual Rights and Civil Rights
4. American Political Processes
5. The Legislative Branch
6. The Executive Branch and World Affairs
7. The Judicial Branch