**2017-2018 American Government Syllabus**

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**Period:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Textbooks:** *United States Government: Principles in Practice*

**Content**

Chapter 1: Foundations of Government

Chapter 2: Origins of American Government

Chapter 3: The Constitution

Chapter 4: Federalism

Chapter 5: The Legislative Branch

Chapter 6: The Presidency

Chapter 8: The Judicial Branch

Chapter 9: The political Process/ Political Parties

Chapter 11: Civil Rights

Chapter 12: Understanding Elections

Chapter 13: Supreme Court Cases

Chapter 14: Foreign Policy

End of year Activity: Mock Courtroom Trial

**Class Expectations**

1. RESPECT our language
2. RESPECT one voice
3. RESPECT our space
4. RESPECT our technology
5. All students must arrive to class on time and prepared
6. BE POSITIVE

**Consequences for Not Meeting Expectations**

1st time: warning

2nd time: call home

3rd time: Detention/ Administrative Punishment

**Grading**

Grading in this class follows the following:

Tests/Projects – 40%

Quizzes/Mini Projects – 25%

Classwork – 25%

Notebook/Participation – 10%

\*\*Homework will not be given on a regular basis, instead it will be used for students to further work started in class, i.e. finish writing assignments or projects, to study for tests/quizzes, or to make up any missed work from class.

**Class Requirements**

1. All students must have a pen or pencil for every class
2. All students must have a notebook
3. All students must have a 3 ring binder or folder

**Late Work Policy**

1 day late: can still get up to 80% credit

2 to 3 days late: can still get up to 70% credit

4 to 5 days late: can still get up to 60% credit

Over a week late: can receive a maximum of 50% credit

After an assignment is two weeks late: No credit will be given

* All tests must be made up within a week
* No student late work will be accepted at the end of the marking period
* Students will not be able to make up an assignment or test if they have an unexcused absence.

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**Movie/ Cellular Phone Permission**

There will be many occasions throughout the school year where students will be viewing pictures, movies, documentaries, and video segments that are relevant to the content being covered in class. Some of the material viewed may contain violence, adult content, and adult language. Permission to use cell phones for educational purposes may also be granted by the teacher depending on the current lesson. By signing this syllabus you will be granting your child permission to view the material presented in class or use cellphones for educational purposes only when granted permission by the teacher. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue please feel free to contact me.

**American Government Syllabus – Mr. Carpenter**

**Please sign and Date** if all rules and responsibilities are understood by both parent and students. (Return this paper to the teacher).

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