**U.S. GOVERNMENT SYLLABUS**

Hightower High School

2025 - 2026

**Teacher: Coach Ceja C-7**

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**Tutorial Hours: Mondays 3-4pm**

# COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING GOALS

The goal of the U.S. Government and Politics is to equip students to understand politics and the way their government works so that they can participate as informed, competent, and responsible leaders of their communities. Specifically, students will develop

* knowledge of the principal institutions, concepts, and facts pertaining to U.S. government and politics.
* an understanding of the typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their effects.
* the ability to analyze and interpret historical, quantitative, and graphical data relevant to U.S. government and politics.
* the capacity to critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the American political system, competing political perspectives, and key policy choices facing our society.

**CLASS GOALS:**

* 100% of students should earn credit for the course.

# READINGS

* Resources will be found on the Schoology with Assignments
* There will also be a supplementary readings and videos with articles I have selected for you. We will also periodically read pieces dealing with current events.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

Anything that helps you turn in an assignment, can be done on paper or laptop.

# ASSESSMENT AND GRADING POLICY

* Classwork 50%
* Exams and Projects 50%

**\*\* Late work is due no later than 6 school days after the due date. \*\*** The maximum grade for late work will be a **70** IF the student turns in the missing assignment within the grace period.

# RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Be on time and prepared.
2. Respect all individuals and their property.
3. Do your best work.
4. Follow all school rules and directions and stay on task.
5. HB 1481 now in effect.

The consequences for violating rules and policies can include, but are not limited to:

* Warning
* Teacher/student conference
* Phone call to parent or guardian
* Referral to Assistant Principal
* Targeting (Phone Confiscation) This in the case you are failing or performing below expectations in my class.

# COURSE PLAN

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| **Unit #** | **Unit Name** |
| 1 | Foundations and Principles of U.S Government |
| 2 | Democracy in Action: The People |
| 3 | The Institutions of Government: The Legislative Branch |
| 4 | The Executive Branch |
| 5 | The Judicial Branch |
| 6 | Civil Rights and Liberties |

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**Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature**

**Frequently Asked Questions:** **Spring 2024**

**Q: When will my late work be graded?**

A:Whenever I get around to it since it has a timestamp.

**Q: Can I/My Child get extra credit work to bring up my/their grade from missing work?**

A: If you/they didn’t turn in the work I already created and assigned, No.

**Q: When are you going to put grades in?**

A:, Definitely before they’re due.