

# Government

## *Instructor Information:*

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## **Units Covered:**

In this class, we will learn about a variety of topics related to Government. The semester starts with a study of parties and ideologies with an emphasis on how ideology relates to views on policy. Then we learn about campaigns and elections focusing on how candidates are elected and the effects of our elections system. We then study the elected branches of government focusing on their Constitutional powers and how they interact with each other. A study of the Judicial Branch and our Constitutional rights follows. The semester ends with a study of state and local government.

## *Communication Protocols:*

Check email daily. Many class communications are sent via email. Reference Google Classroom for study guides. The link to the Daily Current Events assignment is also on Google Classroom.

## *Grading Policy:*

65%: Unit Tests (Retake available, see below)

35%: Weekly Current Events Grades/Financial Literacy (No Retakes, only make ups)

## **Current Events:**

Current Events are graded as a week long assessment based on daily quizzes. If you have an excused absence on any given day, you are expected to take that assessment before the weekly grade is calculated (Friday at 3:40). The weekly grade is put in JMC as a single grade and is considered a single grade.

To make up Current Events Points (for up to 100%), a student may make arrangements with the instructor, however, the Current Events and/or the assessment may be changed from the initial activity.

## **Test Retakes:**

If a student needs to retake a test, they must schedule a retake plan with me. This consists of a 4 consecutive day plan which includes 3 study sessions to relearn/review the unit objectives. Students take the test on the fourth day.

**Late Work Policies:**

You have one week to complete any In class work/tests upon returning after which it will be marked as a zero. If the absence is extended or there are exceptional circumstances, the student should meet with me to discuss an extension **prior** to the deadlines set above.

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