

**HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNMENT
COURSE SYLLABUS
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Textbook:

1. *Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You*; TCI; 2009.

Notebooks:

Although, notebook binders are not graded, they are highly recommended. The student is responsible for organization of the following:

1. Notes (to be taken everyday in class)
2. Homework (to be done on 8 ½ x 11 college rule paper)
3. Tests and Quizzes (retain for final exam review)
4. Handouts

Grades:

1. Letter grades and percentage points will be given for all tests/quizzes, homework, and major projects.
2. Grades are determined according to the following percentage values:
 - a. Tests 50%
 - b. Quizzes: 25%
 - c. Homework 25%
3. Semester grades are determined by averaging the grades of the previous 2 quarters' grades, the grade the student receives on his or her final semester exam, along with the semester project.
 - a. Quarter grades: 80%
 - b. Semester Final Exam: 10%
 - c. Semester Project: 10%

Late and Missing Work

1. The student is responsible to inquire about work missed during his or her absence.
2. Late work due to an excused absence is made up without penalty. The assignment(s) must be turned in by the next school day following the excused absence.
3. All unexcused late work will be accepted any time prior to the end of the quarter; however, that assignment will receive a grade no higher than a "C".
4. All missing work will receive an "F" at the end of the quarter.

Classroom Rules – Respect is the key!

1. Respect your classmates
2. Respect the teacher
3. Respect yourself

Classroom Procedures - TBA

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OBJECTIVE: To learn and understand the principles of government established by God and to analyze those principles in comparison with the government of the United States of America.

QUARTER 1

Unit 1: Power, Authority, and Government

- Chp. 1 The Nature of Power, Politics, and Government
- Chp. 2 Comparing Forms of Government

Unit 2: Foundations of American Government

- Chp. 3 The Roots of American Democracy
- Chp. 4 The United States Constitution
- Chp. 5 The Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties
- Chp. 6 Federalism: National, State, and Local Powers

Unit 3: Political Participation and Behavior

- Chp. 7 Citizen Participation in a Democracy
- Chp. 8 Parties, Interest Groups, and Public Policy
- Chp. 9 Public Opinion and the Media
- Chp. 10 Political Campaigns and Elections

QUARTER 2

Unit 4: The Legislative Branch

- Chp. 11 Lawmakers and Legislatures
- Chp. 12 Congressional Lawmaking

Unit 5: The Executive Branch

- Chp. 13 Chief Executives and Bureaucracies
- Chp. 14 The Federal Budget

Unit 6: The Judicial Branch

- Chp. 15 Courts, Judges and the Law
- Chp. 16 The Criminal Justice System

Unit 7: The United States and the World

- Chp. 17 Creating American Foreign Policy
- Chp. 18 Confronting Global Issues

SEMESTER PROJECT: Research Project (TBA)