

## **Government/Civics Syllabus**

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Textbook: Government Alive! (www.learntci.com)

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is a one-semester class designed to give students a general overview of the U.S. system of government. Topics within this course include great political thinkers and writers, the Constitution, political parties, the federal system, the court system, and state and local government. In this course students will be expected to be up to date on current events in the areas of government and politics.

### **COURSE OUTLINE:**

Unit One: Power, Authority, and Government

Unit Two: Foundations of American Government

Unit Three: Political Participation and Behavior

Unit Four: The Legislative Branch

Unit Five: The Executive Branch

Unit Six: The Judicial Branch

Unit Seven: The United States and the World

### **ONLINE ACCESS:**

Google Classroom Code: zhxq8s

### **CONSTITUTION TEST:**

As part of this course you must pass the state-required constitution test. You are required to pass this test with at least a **70%**. You will continue to take this test until you receive at least a 70% in order to graduate. This will not impact your class grade.

### **PROJECTS:**

As part of the state-requirement for this course you must be exposed to **CURRENT EVENTS** and complete and/or participate in **CIVICS** related activities. You will fill out and complete a journal on **CURRENT EVENTS** each week. These journals will be collected and graded at different points of the semester. You will also complete and/or participate in one **CIVICS** related activity, write a report on it and present it in front of the class.

**CLASS RULES:**

- **NO FOOD/DRINK:** This is not the cafeteria
- **NO LEAVING OF CLASS:** You will be issued a “GET OUT OF CLASS PASS” for use of the bathroom, to get a drink, use your locker, go to the nurse, etc. You may use this five times per semester. For each time you do not use the pass you will receive an extra credit point.
- **R.E.S.P.E.C.T:** Always show respect to myself, your classmates, and yourself.
- **ACT LIKE AN ADULT:** You are a young adult and should act as such. If you act like an adult I will treat you like an adult. On the other hand, if you act like a child I will treat you like a child and you will meet the consequences.
- **FOLLOW THE RULES:** All other classroom rules will follow the stated school policies regarding tardiness, absences, and disciplinary measures listed in your student handbook.

**TECHNOLOGY/CELL PHONE USAGE/ETIQUETTE:**

All tech. devices may only be used during permitted times. Permitted times would be during individual work time where music may be listened to or when approved by the teacher. These devices may not be used at any other time. If this policy is violated there will be first one issued warning followed by further punishment from administration.

**RETAKE POLICY:**

Students have the option of retaking formative assessments (quizzes) and are encouraged to if they have failed them. They must go through an intervention process prior to the retake and the retake must be done in a timely manner up to the discretion of the teacher.

**GRADING:**

A+ = 98-100%

A = 93-97%

A- = 90-92%

B+ = 87-89%

B = 83-86%

B- = 80-82%

C+ = 77-79%

C = 73-76%

C- = 70-72%

D+ = 67-69%

D = 63-66%

D- = 60-62%

F = 59% or lower

**GRADE SCALE:**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
TESTS	35%	Unit Tests
QUIZZES	25%	Chapter Quizzes
ASSIGNMENTS	25%	In/Out of Class Work
PROJECT	10%	Presentations
PARTICIPATION	5%	In Class Work/ Participation