

AP US Government and Politics

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- Provides a college-level, nonpartisan introduction that characterizes the constitutional system and political culture of the US
- Focuses on depth rather than breadth
- Focuses on concepts rather than rote learning
- Highlights interactions among the three branches of government, between federal and state governments, and between citizens and their government

Materials needed: Students must have these materials with them every class period:

- 3-Ring Binder (1.5")
- Pencil or Pen

Assignments: Work for this class will consist of

- notes/lecture/slideshows/video
- learning team activities
- reading homework
- writing
- quizzes
- tests
- AP Exam – Tuesday, May 6, 12:00
- Civic Participation Project

Grading:

- Tests count 3 times
- Quizzes count 1 time
- Classwork counts 1 time
- Project counts 2 times

Retests: Students may retake quizzes and tests once - only the highest grade counts.

Final Exam: ALL students will be required to take the Final Exam for this course. This exam will count as 25 % of your semester average.

Absences: Absences 7, 8 and 9 must be made up. Students with 10 or more absences must appeal the absences in order to receive credit.

Tardies: Students should report to class on time. If you are tardy you must report to the ISS room and get a tardy slip to be allowed into class.

Make-up Procedures: I will always post daily assignments in Google Classroom for anyone who is absent. When you are absent, please check Google Classroom for your assignment. Students have two school days to make up work for each day they are absent. It is the student's responsibility to get missed assignments and return them within the correct time in order to receive credit.

Leaving Class: Students should take care of all personal affairs before entering the classroom (i.e. restroom, drinks, phone calls, etc.). Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom during the first 20 minutes of class for any reason other than an emergency. Bathroom breaks will be allowed for no more than two people at a time, with an appropriate hall pass.

Cell Phones: Cell phones must be silenced and placed in the container in the back of the room and will not be available until the end of class. Failure to comply will result in an office referral. Students are also not allowed to have airpods or other headphones out during class.

Cheating: Cheating will not be tolerated. Cheating includes looking at another student's answers during a quiz/test and copying others' homework/assignments.

Expected Behaviors: The following are behaviors that are expected while in my class:

- Be on time!
- Respect yourself and others.
- Do your best.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Take care of the classroom – clean up after yourself and do not deface school property.
- Remain in your seat until dismissed by me.
- Students are responsible for keeping their notebooks organized. There will be a notebook check every three weeks. Notebooks should include ALL assignments distributed and completed.
- Ask to go to the bathroom (if I am actively teaching, the answer will be “please wait”). Sign out and take a hall pass. You are only allowed to go to the bathroom in A building.

I will enforce all school rules. Please dress according to the dress code and refrain from using profanity or suggestive language.

Mr Sugg's Schedule

1st Period – Southern Appalachian History

2nd Block - Honors Civics

3rd Block – AP American Government and Politics

4th Block - Planning