

Tech High School
Social Sciences Department
Syllabus

Course: United States Government – Civics
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Text: *United States Government: Democracy in Action* (McGraw-Hill 2006) The cost of the textbook is approximately \$62.00. If for any reason the book is lost or damaged, students will have to pay the restitution to the Media Specialist, Ms. Powell, in the media center.

Course Description

United States Government/Civics is a nine-week college preparatory course. This course fulfills one of the graduation requirements for Social Science established by the Georgia State Department of Education. The course will provide students with an understanding of the philosophy, functions, and structure of the United States government and its relationship to the American citizen.

Student Expectations

1. **RESPECT FOR SELF, OTHERS, AND ENVIRONMENT**
2. **PUNCTUALITY** (*To be early IS to be ON time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is to your detriment.*)
3. **PREPAREDNESS** – Students must bring *all* necessary materials (i.e. textbook, notebook, pen/pencil, and paper) for success daily.
4. **A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE** – (*Do the best that you can do in all that you do.*)

Required Materials

- Notebook (spiral, composition, or three ring binder)
- Pen/pencil *NOTE – **Blue or Black ink ONLY**
- High-lighter
- Textbook

Grading Policy

<u>Grade Determination Weights</u>		<u>Grading Standard</u>	
Projects	40%	A	90 – 100
Tests/Quizzes/Final	25%	B	80 – 89
H. W. /Notebook	25%	C	70 -79
Work Ethic	10%	F	0 – 69

I, the undersigned, have read, understood, and agreed to the aforementioned.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Daytime Phone Number or Cell

Parent Email Address

Once signed, a copy will be returned to you via your student and the original will be kept on file by the instructor.