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***Vision: To create an environment where our learners grow as individuals while gaining professional expertise and skills.***

***Mission: To offer inspiration through advanced instruction and authentic experiences.***

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**Course Description:**

**US Government and Politics**

US Government and Politics is typically taken during a student’s senior year in high school and will be completed in ½ of a semester (9 weeks or less). **Successful completion of the class is a REQUIREMENT for graduation in the State of Georgia and Henry County**. This course provides students with a foundation in understanding the US Government. The Government course is **a thought-provoking exploration of American Government and Politics**. We will cover such topics as the Constitution, civil rights, interest groups, politics, voting, Congress, the Presidency, the Judiciary, laws, public policies, state & local government, and current events. The course has eight units: Foundations, the Constitution, Federalism, Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches, Civil Rights/Liberties, and State/local government. In each area, students are introduced to major concepts and themes concerning that aspect of government and there will be unit tests which cover those units and a final exam.

**Course Objectives**

AAS associates will and throughout each individual unit studied as a part of this class, each student will be expected to master the following concepts:

* Demonstrate mastery of each of the eight units in US Government and Politics: Fundamentals, the US Constitution, and Federalism, the 3 branches of Government, Civil Rights/Liberties and State/Local Government.
* Demonstrate industry-recognized employability skills
* Explore Government and legal careers,
* Analyze how different cultures impact our government
* Utilize conflict resolution to effectively resolve issues in Government
* Describe the structure and interaction the three branches of the US Government.
* Investigate legal and ethical responsibilities associated with professions in Government

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| **Required Supplies and Resources** |
| * Textbook (online) – HMH Social Studies– *US Government (online book and resources)* * Online resources posted on Google class website * Fully charged Chromebook * Chromebook charger * 3-ring binder * Writing utensil * College ruled lined paper |

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| **Expectations for Academic Success** |
| * Attend class daily, arrive on time, and be in your seat. * Be prepared for class- everyday- bring resources required for class. * Respect yourself and others. * Ask questions and enjoy the class. * Contribute new ideas. * Work hard and give your best effort- complete assigned work. |

**Grade Calculation**

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| **Summative Assessments = 40%** | **Formative Assessments = 40%** |
| * Tests, projects | * Practice Work: classwork, homework, quizzes, employability skills |
| **Culminating Final Exam/Project = 20%** | |
| Government will have a culminating exam that assesses associate learning of the half semester’s course content. This exam will be **20%** of the overall course grade. | |

**Attendance**

Your presence in class matters.

**Make-up Work**

* Classwork, Homework and Tests - Associates who are absent are required to contact the instructor for make-up work. The associate will have the same number of days that they are absent to complete the make-up work.
  + It is your responsibility to get any class notes missed during your absence from another associate in your class (teacher notes/ppt will be posted to Google Classroom).
  + It is your responsibility to collect any missed classwork or homework assignments from the instructor (and/or Google Classroom) upon your return to school.

**Late Work Policy**

Practice Work turned in after the due date can be turned with the following penalties:

Late 1-3 days – 30-point reduction for that assignment

Late 4 or more days – 50-point reduction for that assignment

An M or Missing will be place in Infinite Campus for missing assignments- practice work and tests.

Google Classroom will be where assignments will be listed (by day and date) and resources obtained (unless otherwise specified in class).

**Career and Technical Student Organization [CTSOs]**

In addition to course integration, we will have a once-per-month activity schedule where associates will have an opportunity to participate in their CTSOs.