Course Syllabus 2022 - 2023

COURSE TITLE: US Government
COURSE NUMBER: 2106310
CREDIT: 1.0

TEACHER INFORMATION
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
American Government is a full-year study of the structures, processes and issues of national, state and local government. The course gives emphasis to the responsibilities and rights of citizenship, the skills necessary for critical thinking, and the knowledge appropriate for wise decision making.

COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES:
Within the following objectives students will be able to improve Academic Achievement using Effective Communication, Critical Thinking skills & available Technology.
Students will:

- Government: Definition, Formation, and Function Comparative Forms of Government
- Politics: Citizenry and Government The legislative Branch of Federal Government
- The Executive Branch of Federal Government
- The Judicial Branch of Federal Government
- State and Local Government
- County Government in Florida
- City Government in Florida
- School and Special Districts in Florida
- The Florida State Judiciary System

COURSE CONTENT: Detail under each Quarter what areas will be covered

QUARTER 1:

- Beginning of the American government Chapter 1
- Creation of the American Government Chapter 2
- A look at the constitution Chapter 3

QUARTER 2:

- The legislative Branch Chapter 4
- The Executive Branch Chapter 5
- The presidential Cabinet Chapter 6
- Independent Agencies Chapter 7
- The judicial Branch Chapter 8

QUARTER 3:

- The 50 States Chapter 9
- Local Government Chapter 10
- Political Parties Chapter 11
- Citizenship Chapter 12

QUARTER 4:

- American Economics Chapter 13
- Foreign Policy and trade Chapter 14
- Government of the world Chapter 15

HOMEWORK/ CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Homework is an essential part of the school program. Teachers assign homework in order to provide extra practice and to encourage further learning thereby reinforcing academic progress. It is recommended that all students keep a "HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT JOURNAL." Students ARE Allowed to make-up missing assignments and Exams with an excused absence. Make-Up assignments must be turned in by the date assigned by the teacher. Late assignments will not be accepted and the student will receive a "0".

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

If administration finds that a student is caught cheating, plagiarizing, and/or misrepresenting work, a "0" will be issued for the work in question. Such student will be placed on a probationary contract which states that the student will be expelled if a second offense arises

GRADING POLICY:

Tests, quizzes, student participation, classwork, homework, reports and assignments will all be applied to the student's final grade for the quarter. Students will receive a minimum of nine (9) grades per quarter/marking period. Tests are announced in advance and posted on the portal. Study guides are provided for each test and reviewed in class as well as posted on the portal.

WEIGHT: Tests: 2 Grades; Quizzes: 1 Grade; Participation: 1 Grade per quarter; Classwork: 1 Weekly Average Grade; Homework: 1 Weekly Average grade; Midterm Exam: 3 Grades averaged into 2nd quarter grade; Final Exam: 3 Grades averaged into 4th quarter grade.

INTERIM REPORTS:

Interim reports will be issued midway through each quarter only for students who are NOT making adequate progress.

REPORT CARDS:

Report cards will be issued every nine weeks for a total of 4 quarterly report cards per academic year. The Report Card reflects a student's grade in a subject area for that quarter as well as a quarterly GPA. The Midterm exam grade is averaged into the 2nd Quarter Grade. The Final exam grade is averaged into the 4th Quarter Grade. The Final Grade is the average of all 4 Quarters.

MLA FORMAT

All reports submitted for this course should be headed in standard MLA Format. Students will learn MLA format in this course and will be expected to use it throughout the year. All reports should use the heading example as shown below:

Student's Name
Teacher Name
Course Name and Number
Date

GRADING SCALE

Schoolhouse Preparatory uses an unweighted 4.0 grading scale

Letter Grade	*Percentage*	*Qualitative Points*
A+	*97 – 100*	*4.0*
A	*93 – 96*	*4.0*
A-	*90 – 92*	*3.7*
B+	*87 – 89*	*3.3*
B	*83 – 86*	*3.0*
B-	*80 – 82*	*2.7*
C+	*77 – 79*	*2.3*
C	*73 – 76*	*2.0*
C-	*70- 72*	*1.7*
D+	*67-69*	*1.3*
D	*63-66*	*1.0*
D-	*60-62*	*0.7*
F	*59*	*0.0*

HONOR ROLL: At the end of each grading period, an honor roll list of students is published based on grades. In order to be considered for the Honor Roll, students must have a satisfactory attendance and discipline record. The Honor Roll identifies two types of achievement:

- Principal's Honor Roll = Straight A's.
- Honor Roll = All A's and a maximum of 2 B's.

Note: A student receiving a grade of F in a midterm or final examination will forfeit the honor roll for the marking period.

MISSED ASSIGNMENTS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES: Students with Excused Absences are responsible for turning assignments by the due date issued by the teacher. Assignments not tuned in by the due date will be counted as a "0". it is their responsibility to confer with the teacher concerning makeup work and tests. Assignments are posted on each teacher's homepage on the portal www.schoolhouseportal.com. Students will receive a zero for any assignments not turned in. Students with unexcused absences will not be allowed to turn in assignments.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to be in class by the first bell for all class periods. Late arrivals will not be permitted into the class and sent to the office.

Students need to be in their Homeroom Class by 8:20 am. Students with 9 or more unexcused tardies or absences in a semester will receive and (N) in the report card.

Reporting Absences:

If you will be absent for the day, it is your responsibility to text your homeroom teacher or the office before 9:00 am to be counted as an excused absence.