

US Government Honors Syllabus

Boca Ciega High School

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US Government Honors is a study of the American government; its foundations, principles, policies, and politics. Students will be required to participate, by doing their online assignments, class work, tests, and quizzes as well as by communicating views, discussing topics, and debating in class. The curriculum is found online on the Canvas website. <https://pcsb.instructure.com>

Classroom Procedures

1. Cell phones are **off and away!**
2. No bags on desk
3. No food or drink in classroom
4. Follow Classroom Rules from bell to bell
5. Stay in your seat and on task

Classroom Rules:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Do your best work, always
4. Follow ALL School Rules

Supplies

- Pen/Pencil
- Spiral Notebook
- Notebook Paper
- Binder



Welcome to Government:

This class is a hybrid of an online computer facilitated course as well as a direct instructional model with a teacher. Just like our republican form of government; this class requires good citizenship, participation, honesty and integrity.

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US Government Standards

● US Government Unit 1: Foundation of American Government

- The student will understand the purpose and forms of government; how was democracy founded in America, what were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, and what compromises formed the Constitution.

● US Government Unit 2: The Legislative Branch

- The student will understand the differences between the House and Senate, how bills become laws, congressional committees, and how the Florida legislature compares with Congress.

● US Government Unit 3: The Executive Branch

- The student will understand the roles, powers, and qualifications for president; the Electoral College, growth of presidential powers, structure of the bureaucracy, and role of governor in states.

● US Government Unit 4: The Judicial Branch

- The student will understand the function of the courts, how the Supreme Court has increased power, federal courts vs. state courts, criminal vs. civil cases, and rights, privacy, and security by the courts.

● US Government Unit 5: Participating in Government

- The student will understand the differences between political parties, the function and purpose of parties, how people are chosen for office, voter behavior, and the role money plays in the electoral process.

● US Government Unit 6: Comparative Government

- The student will demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of United States foreign policy.

Absent Policy:

When a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to: determine what they have missed, make up the missing assignments, and continue with the pace of the modules. Canvas can be accessed from home...

ONE Make-Up Modules "Binge Weekend" will be provide during each marking period.

Just come to class and get it done!

Grading Policy

- Point system will be used (total points earned / points possible)
- **Modules open Monday-Friday.** Notebooks checked Friday/Monday.
- Plagiarism/copying from another student will result in a zero.
- **Most** assignments will be submitted online for grading through Canvas.
- **Final Grade in FOCUS** will include Canvas grade, as well as various class assignments, projects, and your binder grade.

Textbook: Print available for checkout from library, *United States Government: Our Democracy*, McGraw Hill Education. And Online: <https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com>