

Barbers Hill High School
Government Syllabus

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Textbook: *United States Government; Democracy in Action*
Glencoe, McGraw Hill

Course Outline:

- Unit 1 Foundations of American Government
- Unit 2 Constitution and Bill of Rights
- Unit 3 Politics, Elections and the Media
- Unit 4 Branches of Government
- Unit 5 Major Supreme Court Decisions
- Unit 6 Participating in Texas State and Local Government
- Unit 7 Comparative Political and Economic Systems

Student Expectations:

The student will

1. Attend class and be on time.
2. Organize, maintain and utilize assigned materials in a responsible and timely manner.
3. Take and review notes from lectures and discussions.
4. Use class time to complete assignments.
5. Assume responsibility for securing and completing assignments following an absence.

Grading

Students are evaluated and receive grades for performance on objective and essay test, reading and reviewing content related material, evaluation of videos, projects and class discussions/notes. Typically a six-week grading period will contain a minimum of six grades, weighted as follows: class activities and homework = 40%; projects and test = 60%. Strict adherence to the district policies regarding homework, grading and remediation will be maintained. The semester grade is determined by the three six-week grades accounting for 86% of the semester grade and the semester examination each accounting for 14% of the semester grade.

Supplies

Students will need their laptop, notebook paper and pen or pencil. Have these items in class every day.