

CLASS POLICIES FOR GOVERNMENT

Period: _____

This course complies with the requirements of the state core curriculum, providing students with a survey of U.S. Studies and Speech. Below are specifics concerning organization of the class:

ATTENDANCE: Students must bring a note from the attendance office to leave class for any appointments. Unexcused absences and tardiness will count 20% on the student’s grade. I implement SHS attendance policy so see handbook for specifics regarding the attendance policy and credit.

TARDINESS: Students who arrive after the bell rings are tardy. If they are more than 10 min. late to class they will receive a late tardy or unexcused absence for that period. Roll is taken at the beginning of class so students who come late must sign the tardy roster in order to be marked present then **quietly** take their seats without disrupting class. Again, please refer to the student handbook for more info.

ASSIGNMENTS: Most assignments are worth 10 points. Students will keep all assignments in a notebook until test day, when they will all be turned in simultaneously. Pop quizzes are also given periodically. All work is due on due date and no work accepted after the end of the term.

MAKE UP WORK: Students may discuss authorized makeup work with me when time is available but not at the beginning of class.

The following policies further explain options and are based on a per semester occurrence:

1. Drop Policy
 - a. Drop lowest 2 assignment scores
 - b. Drop lowest pop quiz score
 - c. Drop lowest test score
 - c. Because of these dropped scores, late work or make-up tests aren’t accepted. However, I will work with students regarding extra credit/make-up work but they must talk to me as soon as possible.
 - d. Each student is on the drop policy unless he/she specifically requests to switch within five days of the beginning of the tri.
2. Alternative Make-up Policy
 - a. No scores are dropped at end of the term
 - b. Excused absences or tardiness: full credit will be given up to 3 days after the original due date. No credit will be given after 3 days.
 - c. Unexcused absences or tardiness: half credit will be given up to 3 days after the original due date. No credit will be given after 3 days.
 - d. Students must make an appointment to make up a test within 3 days of absent date.
 - e. Tests may not be retaken.

EXTRA CREDIT: Extra credit is offered periodically throughout the semester. These are often things that pop up as we go and if they do not take advantage of them at the time they may miss out on any opportunities. Waiting until the end of the semester to do extra credit is not a sure thing.

MISC.: If, during a test, a student talks, looks on another students desk or any other possible variations of inappropriate test taking behaviors then said student will receive a zero on that test.

Class will begin with an on time bell question or quiz to encourage preparedness and promptness.

A “project” will be assigned during the tri. The internet/publishing programs will make this assignment easier. Such programs are available for student use in the writing lab before and after school.

There will also be various current event assignments, which will be presented and discussed in class. If you do not want your student to know about or discuss the news please let me know.

To enhance the study of history, selections from several movies/documentaries/clips are shown. If your student does not wish to view them accommodations can be made and a corresponding assignment will be given. Such might include Dave, Mr. Smith goes to Washington, Escape from Sobibor, PBS, History Channel, and A&E publications,

Please have your student talk to me about any circumstances that arise that might affect their attendance or ability to complete class/homework. Otherwise, I will not know.

As to be expected, respect is required in my classroom--towards me and other students. Rude behavior is not tolerated.

No cell phones or texting. If students have them out, they are to put them on my desk when asked to be retrieved after school.

GRADING SCALE: Scores are, of course, available on the Internet

95-100.....A	80-82.....B-	67-69.....D+
95-90.....A-	77-79.....C+	63-66.....D
87-89.....B+	73-76.....C	60-62.....D-
83-86.....B	70-72.....C-	00-59.....F

Please sign, and return this sheet

Student _____ Student Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____