



Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

Honors Civics & Gov't 2014-2015

Course Description:

This course examines the principles and documents that provide the foundation for both our federal government as well as the state government of Pennsylvania. Students will acquire an understanding of how the various branches of government operate along with a comparative examination of other governmental systems througho and the many ways that individuals can play a role in government at the federal, state and local levels.

Course Content:

The following is a list of the major units students will study in the course:

- Government: Purposes and Types
- The US Constitution
- American Political Culture
- Public Opinion
- Media
- Special Interest Groups
- Political Ideology and Political Parties
- Voting
- The Electoral Process
- The Legislative Branch and Law-making
- The Executive Branch
- The Bureaucracy
- The Budget
- Foreign Policy
- Domestic Policy
- The Judicial Branch
- Civil Liberties

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

Various readings will be provided throughout the year.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to come to class prepared with proper materials and completed assignments. Students will need to demonstrate understanding of content on written as well as alternative assessments. Students are expected to take notes in class and take part in class discussions.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be determined by student's successful completion of various assignments in the following categories:

Summative Assessments:	60%
Homework:	20%
Class work:	20%

Grades will be weighted by categories not calculated by total points.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

None