

US Government Syllabus

RCAS Policies/Procedures

Students will be required to follow all RCAS policies and procedures. To view the RCAS High School Student Handbook, click [handbook](#).

Course Description

Students will study the Constitution, fundamentals of democracy, and U.S. government. The course will examine interactions of government institutions and the ways in which government institutions affect individuals and participation in the political process. Students will study public policy and how it relates to current events. This class emphasizes the rights, duties, and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Grading

Points shall be awarded for assignments, quizzes, and tests. Points will be awarded and collected cumulatively through the year.

Textbook

Shea, Daniel M. *Magruder's American Government*, Pearson, 2016.

Reading

Declaration of Independence
United States Constitution
Articles of Confederation
South Dakota Constitution
South Dakota Tribal Constitutions
"Letter from a Birmingham Jail" (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)

Optional Reading

NA

Instructional Resources

NA

Essential Questions

NA

Essential Learning Intentions

- We are learning about citizenship in the United States.
- We are learning about the origins of the American democratic form of government.
- We are learning about compromise at the Constitutional Convention.
- We are learning about the US Constitution as a primary founding document.

- We are learning about how federalism divides power between local, state, Tribal and national governments.
- We are learning about political ideologies found on the political spectrum.
- We are learning about the expansion of voting rights.
- We are learning about the election process in the United States.
- We are learning about how the U.S. Constitution organizes the legislative branch.
- We are learning about how the U.S. Constitution organizes the executive branch.
- We are learning about how the Constitution organizes the judicial branch.
- We are learning about how civil liberties protect individual freedoms/liberties in the United States.
- We are learning about civil rights and equal protection of the U.S. Constitution.