



## US Government

**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.

**Attendance:** Students are required to be in school every day. Students are responsible for communicating with their teachers to make up for missed learning.

### Essential Skills:

1. Source Evaluation
2. Argumentation
3. Comprehension
4. Communication and Collaboration

**Course Expectations:** Although not everything is graded, everything is important. In order to demonstrate growth and learning, students will need to:

1. Participate in class activities (take notes, work in a group, complete in class tasks, ask questions) without distractions (cell phones, games, etc.)
2. Use morning time and the teacher to seek help outside of class when needed.
3. Complete all assessments within teacher timelines.

### Grading

**Learning (Practice)** includes instructional activities in and outside of class and are not used in grade determination.

**Skyward Assessment (Grades)** may include quizzes, labs, learning checks, tests, speeches, performances, and projects.

Final Grade	
A	100% - 90%
B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	0% - 59%

## Calculations:

Final Grade Calculation	
Cumulative Grade	<b>95%</b>
Final Exam(s)	<b>5%</b>

## Central High School Courses:

- Will determine grades based on student performance and growth.
- Will not include practice and behavior in grade determination.
- Will give all students regardless of absence an opportunity to demonstrate learning.
- Will not include extra credit.

**Instructional Resources:** Canvas, Skyward, Various Internet resources, Macgruder's **American Government** Text, Pearson

## Course Calendar/Pacing:

August/September							October							November						
		30	31	1	2	3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30		30	31						27	28	29	30			
December							January							February						
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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25	26	27	28	29	30		29	30	31					26	27	28				

March							April							May/June						
			1	2	3	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4	5	6
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30	31									28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>Unit 1: Foundations of Gov./Constitution</b>							<b>Unit 2: Government by the People</b>							<b>Unit 3: Legislative</b>						
<b>Unit 4: Executive</b>							<b>Unit 5: Judicial</b>							<b>Unit 6: State, Local, and Tribal Governments</b>						
<b>Next Semester</b>							<b>Professional Development</b>							<b>Semester Exams</b>						