

# American Government/Civics

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Office hours: 7:45 am – 8:15 am and 3:15 pm -3:45 pm

Planning – 4<sup>th</sup> Block – 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm – this time is reserved for instructional planning and regular teacher tasks like answering emails and grading.

Tutoring: Tuesdays – 8 pm -9 pm and on Fridays by appointment.

## **Course Description**

American Government is a nine week course at ELHS. Successful completion of the class is a **requirement for graduation** in Henry County and the State of Georgia. The course will provide students with a background in the philosophy, functions, and structure of the U.S. government. It also provides students with the opportunity to examine the philosophical foundations of the U.S. government and how this developed. Finally, students will examine the structure and function of the U.S. government and its relationship to states and citizens.

The course will be taught using a wide variety of instructional strategies and technology tools including, but not limited to: Google Classroom, Google Meet, Slides, Sheets, and Docs. Discovery Education and Khan Academy for enhanced content and Illuminate for assessments.

Digital Textbook – HMH Core Content “ED”– “United States Government” can be found on the Launchpad after signing in on your Chromebook with your Henry county email address. Government Textbook Price- \$50.75 and Economics Textbook Price- \$61.60

Individual effort and responsibility are paramount to attaining success in the course. Students are expected to be prepared for class everyday: which may include completing homework, current events, readings, or projects. It also means that you use your Henry County e-mail and check your in-box every day.

## **Supplies Needed for Class**

- Chromebook (which needs to be charged everyday) and charger (as needed)
- Chromebook access to class textbook.
- Other resources (both online and hardcopy) will be given to students throughout the course.
- A notebook (either 3-ring binder or one with tabs) for students to collect handouts and any written notes into. 3-ring binders can be shared with other classes, as long as there are clearly marked dividers so it is easy to differentiate from the other classes.
- Index cards
- Paper and pen/pencil.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

All of these requirements are set by Henry County Board of Education Policy.

All grades are kept on Infinite Campus and will be updated at least weekly.

Students' cumulative grades in the class consist of the **TERM AVERAGE**, which is made up of:

- Assessments (summative)—40%
  - These could include tests, essays, projects, and presentations
- Practice Work (formative)—40%
  - These could include classwork/homework and quizzes

And the **FINAL EXAM**, which is worth 20% of the Course Final Average.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

This is your course, and your success will depend on you and what you put into it. Complete assignments and take charge of your performance. Be conscientious about class attendance and participation. Appropriate behavior for a high school SENIOR is expected at all times.

1. Be on time and get to work right away – Every day! Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. Remember on the block – missing one class is like being absent for two days under our old system
2. Pay attention and be respectful.
3. Do your OWN best work. Plagiarism in any form will NOT be tolerated.
4. Limit leaving class to emergencies. You will get a stretch break each day.
5. Be responsible after an absence. Make sure that you access any lessons/materials/assignments that you missed and email your instructor about accommodations for due dates.
6. Join your appropriate class for REMIND communication by texting the code below to 81010

Class/Block	Ms. Cox	Coach Kellogg
1 <sup>st</sup> Block	Honors Government/Econ – @coxgov1	Government/Econ – @kelloggeg1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	Government/Econ – @coxgov2	Government/Econ – @kelloggeg2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Block	Honors Government/Econ – @coxgov3	Government/Econ – @kelloggeg3

## Topics and Timeline

Dates	Units	Topics	Assessment
Aug 17-Aug 27	1-3	Foundations, Constitution, and Federalism (state and local governments)	Aug 28
Aug 31-Sept 17	4-5	Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, and Elections	Sept 18
Sept 28-Oct 6	6-7	Judicial Branch, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties	Oct 2 Constitution Test Oct 8 (Cumulative Final Exam)