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Law and Government

The Law and Government Course is a Level 3 course, due to its rigorous content matter and is also a dual credit course through Cumberland County College. This course traces the development of the American Government from its foundations through to the present day state of affairs. After a careful examination of the branches of government and the Constitution, the course will focus its attention on the Supreme Court and its role in ensuring the democratic process continues to function well in America. This course will also examine policies and services performed by state and local governments and finish with an examination of the political economic systems in the world today. Course Requirements

- 1) A notebook and folder.
- 2) Writing implement.
- 3) Law and Government Text
- 4) Required Handouts.
- 5) The Constitution paperback book

Being prepared for class is your responsibility. All reading assignments given are expected to be completed on time, and as such, are susceptible to a test or quiz at any time.

Tests, Essays, Quizzes and Homework

☐ Tests will be given at various times, depending on the nature and depth of the material in question. Tests may follow critical reading and discussion sessions, textbook work, case studies, among others. Essays will be assigned following some class discussions or independent readings, and will also count as test grades.

☐ Supreme Court Case Summaries will be assigned throughout the course of the year, and these summaries will count as a test or quiz grade, depending upon the length of the assignment.

☐ Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the chapter. Some quizzes will be announced, some will not.

☐ Research papers, research essays, power point and oral presentations will occur throughout the school year.

☐ There will also be some small individual and group projects that will count as quiz and test grades.

TESTS and QUIZZES must be made up the first day following an absence

All homework assignments will count as quiz grades.

Late homework will not be accepted for credit, as this is a college course.

Please use the school website to check for assignments and due dates.

Grading Breakdown

Tests 40% Quizzes/Case Studies 30%

Homework 15% Class Participation 15%

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Lecture notes will be given daily and the material from the lectures will appear on tests, quizzes, and class work (all counting for grades). Students, who wish to perform well in the class, should record all notes in a notebook strictly reserved for history. Class participation is based on verbal contributions and the teacher's observation of notes being recorded by students.

2. Quizzes will be given weekly. Students must be prepared everyday for these quizzes, even though they may not occur every day. They will most often be announced on-line.

3. Tests will be given at the end of every chapter. They will be announced in class and on-line two to three days in advance. This provides a prepared student adequate time to review. Tutoring is available. See the Guidance Office or Mr. Dugan for more information.

4. Anyone absent from school (for an excused reason) during a test or a quiz will take a make-up test/quiz (during class or after school) one to two days after their return (unless otherwise decided by the teacher). If a student misses a test or a quiz due to a school activity and fails to warn Mr. Dugan of the conflict in advance of the absence, they will be penalized with a point deduction on the make-up test.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Class participation, although only 10%, can very easily help or hurt a grade.

How to earn class participation points every day...

- Follow the lecture, with full attention on either the book or the virtual white board/teacher.
- Take notes, answer the teacher's questions and participate in class discussions.
- Arrive in class before the final bell, dressed in full uniform (hair included), with no gum, purse, or electronic device.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Any parent wishing to contact me with any questions or concerns may do so via e-mail (sdugan@shhslions.com) or phone (856-691-4491 Ext. 1205). Students may not e-mail or call me at any time. If a student has any questions, they must see me after class.