

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT/HISTORY
(2017-2018)**

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Room Location: 225A

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Course Description: This course is designed to focus on examining the impact of historical events while exploring the responsibilities of being a good citizen, the 3 branches of government, basic principles of the U.S constitution and the voting/election process. Lessons will include various activities that will introduce concepts through guided notes, videos, short readings and discussions, and mini-projects.

Materials Needed:

- (1) 2 in. binder ***no larger please as we have limited space*** (any color/style)
- Pencils and/or pens (black or blue only)
- (1) box of tissues (if you are able to donate-it is much appreciated!)

Grading Policy: Students will earn points for assignments and efforts in class. All work will be graded on a point system aligned with the grading scale. **All work will be kept in their binder and housed in the classroom.** Note: When checking grades in Powerschool, "L" means the work was late while "M" means it is missing.

Homework Policy: Homework is **NOT** assigned daily. Most skill work will be addressed within the class time allotted. Students will be given ample time to finish all work in class; **HOWEVER**, if students do not manage their time wisely, work will be assigned and must be completed at home. If it is homework, it should have HW written on top of the assignment. 😊

Late Work/Absent Work Policy: When homework is assigned, it will be due on a designated date. Late work will result in a loss of points determined by the number of days it is late. When a student is absent they have as many days to complete the work as they were absent. **When students return to school, it is their responsibility to get their missed work.** I usually write their name on the work along with AW (absent work) on top of the papers. All AW will be put in a designated Missing Work area in the classroom.

Hall Passes: Students do have 6 minutes in between classes to use the restroom and/or get drinks. To minimize disruptions, each student will be issued 5 passes to use the restroom and/or get drinks during class time. If your child has a medical reason that warrants unlimited use of restroom, please alert me (it should also state that on the medical form in the nurse's office!) Students are permitted and encouraged to have water in the classroom at all times. It must be in a clear container and they should plan on bringing it daily.

Expectations/Incentives: Students will be expected to follow all of the school expectations while in and out of the classroom. Students who are not complying with rules will be given verbal warnings (a "3 strikes" policy). If the behavior continues and/or occurs at a heightened level, myself and/or their dean will be contacting parents directly. A school wide and classroom incentive program (PANTHER PAYOUTS) is offered and students can be eligible for a drawing. 😊

***I HAVE READ AND DISCUSSED THE ABOVE PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION. I UNDERSTAND WHAT IS EXPECTED IN MRS. WOLF'S CLASS.**

(Student Signature)

(Parent Signature)

Dated: _____