American Government A Syllabus

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| Teacher Mr. Foster Phone 770-388-5677 ext 31167 Email [sfoster@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:sfoster@rockdale.k12.ga.us?subject=sfoster@rockdale.k12.ga.us) Office Hours M-Th 3:00-3:45  Appointments can be  made for hours outside  the normal office hours. | Course OverviewThe government course provides students with a background in the philosophy, functions, and structure of the United States government. Students examine the philosophical foundations of the United States government and how that philosophy developed. Students also examine the structure and function of the United States government and its relationship to states and citizens.Required Text (online) United States Government: Democracy in Action, Richard C. Remy, Ph.D Course Materials  * Charged Laptop (every day) * Pen/Pencil/Paper  Resources  * Itslearning (Course webpage) * Infinite Campus (Grades) |

# Course Schedule

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| Units | Subject | Week(s) |
| Unit 1 | Intro to American Government Themes | Week 1 |
| Unit 2 | Democratic Heritage | Weeks 2-7 |
| Unit 3 | Structure and Function of Government | Weeks 8-11 |
| Unit 4 | Legislative Branch | Weeks 12-17 |

# Final Exam Schedule

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| Units | Subject |
| Units 1-4 | RCPS Final Common Exam Week 18 |

# Grading Policy

The First Semester’s Final Grade will comprise of Formative and Summative Assessments (80%) and a Final Exam (20%)

Formative Assessment - Daily Assignments/Tasks, Quizzes, Homework,

Summative Assessments – Chapter/Unit Test and Project(s)

# Attendance/Make-Up Work Policy

* Zeros will be entered for all missing or late assignments with a note of when the relearning cycle must be completed so that parents and students are aware.
* When student absences are excused, per state regulations, students shall be allowed to make up their work during their absence.
* If the final determination is that the absences are unexcused, students will be allowed to make up their work only if a Request for Late Work Submission is completed (An example of a form is posted on the Staff page). Students have a minimum of 5 school days from the original due date to complete the plan on a late work submission request and submit the late work.
* All late work submission ends five school days prior to the first exam day.
* Long-term assignments (those worked on over two weeks or longer) are due as assigned; a student is responsible for this due date even if absent.  All long-term assignments must include progress checks during the work period for the project. If a student has not made progress at the check point, then teachers must notify parents.

# Tardy Policy

At the tardy bell the door will be locked and closed; students will be seated at their assigned desk working on their warm-up activity. If the student is not in compliance, they are tardy. Individuals who are tardy must report to the front office for a pass.

# Class Expectations

Positive Learning Attitude

Respectful

On Time

Responsible

Ask Questions!

# Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The Rockdale County Board of Education (“Board”) desires that all students receive the benefit of an adequate education.  With this view in mind, the Board prohibits unlawful discrimination against students because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability, or other protected group status or activity (e.g. opposition to prohibited discrimination or participation in the statutory complaint process) in its programs and activities or employment in its programs or activities.  In keeping with this commitment, the Board will not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or other unlawful treatment of its students.  As set forth herein, the Board designates the following employee of Rockdale County Public Schools (“District”) to handle inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies:

Executive Director for Support Services

Rockdale County Public Schools

954 North Main Street

Conyers, Georgia 30012

T: (770) 483-4713

**Parents**

If you do not have a Parent Portal Account, please click on the following link to set one up. This will allow you to keep track of your child’s grades, attendance, and report cards.

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal - Rockdale County Public Schools (rockdaleschools.org)](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rockdaleschools.org%2Fdepartments%2Ftechnology%2Fadministrative_technology%2Finfinite_campus_parent_portal&data=04%7C01%7Csfoster%40rockdale.k12.ga.us%7Cc9fca2d5da684ecf157a08d952051f75%7Cbfd25eb83dfc4e5cadabad073f23ac72%7C1%7C0%7C637631004233020044%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=J1dy4XlmARH5BJqnB03dKkdbsBFUKBb%2FOmiqygHp%2BI8%3D&reserved=0)