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HFS21QQB

Participation in Government

Course Description

This course aims to provide students with opportunities to become engaged in the political process by acquiring the knowledge and practicing the skills necessary for active citizenship. Content specifications are not included, so that the course can adapt to present local, national, and global circumstances, allowing teachers to select flexibly from current events to illuminate key ideas and conceptual understandings. Participation in government and in our communities is fundamental to the success of American democracy. (NYSED)

NYS Learning Standards for Social Studies

-Standards: (1,2,3,4,5)

Class Rules and Expectations

- Arrive to class on time.
- Permission must be granted for all breaks and bathroom usage.
- Cell phones, headphones, and electronics must always be away, unless permission is granted.
- Hand in all assignments on time, late work will be penalized.
- Be respectful to Mr. Brandes, your classmates, and yourself.
- Actively participate in class by raising your hand, calling out will not be tolerated.
- Use our indoor voices.

Grading Procedure

Attendance / Participation / Classwork - 40 %

Tests / Projects- 30 %

Homework- 20 %

Quizzes- 10 % (I will drop the 2 lowest grades)

Attendance Policy

Regular and prompt class attendance and participation is an essential part of the educational experience. Manhattan High School expects students to exercise good judgment regarding attendance and absences. Students will accept full responsibility for ensuring their work does not suffer because of absences. All students are expected to attend every scheduled class on time. Exceptions may be made for illness and valid emergencies with proper documentation.

Homework Policy

Homework will be given approximately four days a week. It will be collected at the beginning of class the following day. It is YOUR responsibility to complete homework assignments. Late homework will be accepted with half credit.

Attendance / Classwork / Participation Policy

Behaving and doing classwork is extremely important and greatly affect your grade. I will be calculating this into your grades daily. If the classroom rules and expectations are not followed, your grade will suffer, and I will be notifying parents / guardians regularly.

Classroom Scope and Sequence

Unit 1: Foundations of American Democracy

Unit 2: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Unit 3: Rights, Responsibilities, and Duties of Citizenship

Unit 4: Political and Civic Participation

Unit 5: Public Policy

Student

I _____ have read the syllabus in its entirety and
(Print Name)

understand the classroom policies, expectations and procedures. I understand that not following what is expressed in the syllabus will affect my grade.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____