

Course: American Government
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope this information will help you have a better understanding of your student's classroom instruction and learning expectations.

Course Description:

The course is designed to give the student an understanding of how America governs itself.

Materials:

Text: American Government published by Magruder

Class Rules:

All state, district and school rules are followed in the classroom. For additional expectations see below.

Additional Information

Grading:

- A. Students will be kept aware of their progress.
 - 1. Grades will be posted online and in the classroom.
- B. The Grading Scale:

90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
0% - 59%	F

Absences and Missed Quizzes and Tests:

- A. When you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you have missed and do the work, including getting missed notes from a classmate. The assignments are on my page a <https://bonitahigh.net/>.
- B. If you miss a quiz and/or a test, you will be required to make them up the day you return to class.

Tardies:

- A. To avoid being tardy, students must be in the classroom when the tardy bell rings.
- B. Starting with the 5th tardy, you will not be allowed into class without going to the attendance office first to get a tardy slip or a detention slip.

General Class Discipline:

- A. Students must be constructively engaged in work at their desks.
- B. No talking until given permission to finish for the day.
- C. An hour of detention after school will result if the aforementioned rules are broken.
- D. Detention will also be given with or without warning for any behavior considered inappropriate.
- E. Discipline problems may also result in calls home, Saturday School, and/or referrals to the office.

Basis for Class Grade:

- A. Chapter Packets (Notes, Matching Terms, Chapter Assessment and Worksheet) – 15%
- B. Chapter Quizzes* - 20%
- C. Chapter Tests#, Debates – 45%
- D. Semester Final – 20%

*All work for a Chapter Packet must be completed by the day of the quiz. The packet will be checked and stamped on quiz days. You will only receive a stamp if 100% of the packet is complete. If the work is not 100% completed you will lose 10 points even if you turn in the completed packet on the day of the test.

While students will be allowed to use any written materials done in their own hand on the chapter tests ONLY, the work they turn in and the answers they provide must be in their own words, whether it is a Chapter Packet, Quiz or Test. Students who use materials other than their own, whatever the source, on an assignment, quiz or test will take zeros on that chapter's work and the quiz or test they were caught cheating on. They will also get a referral for "academic dishonesty", a Saturday School or detention depending on whether it is the first infraction or not, and a parent will be contacted. Students who provide material to cheat off of will also take zeros on that work. **Any student engaged in cheating, both using or providing, will be given a "U" for citizenship for the next quarter.**

Bottom Line: Except for definitions that you may use word for word from the book, everything else you turn in must be in your own words or you are cheating.

Participation Credit: Students will be given up to a 5% bonus on their semester grade based on the level of their participation on Chapter Quiz days.

Individual Extra Credit: Individual extra credit will not be provided.

Food in Class: No Food is allowed in class at any time.

Cell Phones: All cell phones will be placed in the phone caddy at the start of the period until given permission to retrieve them.