**Mr. Murray’s Government Class Syllabus**

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**Materials:**

* Pens or Pencils
* Loose Leaf Paper
* A half inch or one-inch binder (with five tabs)

**Online Textbook:**

* PDF’s for each Chapter have been posted on the iblog under the heading “***Government Textbook***” and will also be posted as we complete various activities

**Attendance Policy:**

* Each tardy (arriving after the bell) counts as .25 absence, four tardies equals one absence
* Two late arrivals after the first five minutes in class equals one absence
* Arriving fifteen late to class is considered an absence
* Students who accumulate ten or more absences (excused or unexcused) in one semester will be placed on audit unless the following two conditions are met: [1] Receiving a passing grade in the class and [2] scoring a 78% or better on the final exam

**Cell Phones and Other Electronics:**

* Cell phones and headphones are not allowed to be used in class per building policy.
	+ On a rare case we may use cell phones for research but I will inform you of those times
* If a student is found to be in violation of this Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy, **the personal electronic device WILL BE confiscated by school personnel**.
	+ **First Violation**: The device will **ONLY be returned to a parent/guardian** at the end of the day/beginning of the next day.
	+ **Second Violation**: The device will be **ONLY be returned to a parent/guardian** on the next Monday or Friday, which will be designated as cell phone pick up day (depending on when the incident took place).
	+ **Third Violation**: The device will be kept by the school until the end of the school year/semester and must be picked up **ONLY by the parent/guardian**.
	+ **Fourth & Future Violations**: The student will receive a disorderly conduct ticket issued by the Dearborn Police Department, where the parents must pay a fine in order to have the device returned to them.
* **REFUSAL TO TURN IN CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE**
	+ If student and/or parent refuses to turn in the cell phone/electronic device, the incident will be considered insubordination and the following:
	+ **First Violation Refusa**l: Automatic ***one day suspension & parent meeting for the student to return***
	+ **Second Violation Refusal:** Automatic ***three day suspension & parent meeting for the student to return***
	+ **Third Violation Refusal:** Automatic ***five day suspension & parent meeting for the student to return***

**Dress Code and Snacks:**

* Per building policy hats and hoods are not allowed to be worn inside of the classroom.
* Purses and bags go on the ground or in a wire basket if your chair is equipped.
* Any violations of the schools dress code will be handled by asking you to change or writing you a pass to the office.
* Only water bottles are allowed and they must still have a re-sealable top.
	+ No food will be allowed in the classroom

**Participation:**

* Participation is vital to your success. You will receive participation points for activities and overall participation during the marking period.

**Passes:**

* Passes will not be given unless requested by an administrator or another teacher

**Grading:**

* This class is weighted 80% Summative and 20% Formative when determining the final grade.
	+ Your grades are comprised of homework, exams and project grades.
* I will grade quizzes, tests, and homework as quickly as possible and scores will be entered into MiStar.
* Late work will ***not*** be excepted after we have completed the corresponding chapter.
	+ All late work is subject to reduced points (You may receive up to half credit).
* It is your responsibility to make up any lost/missed work. Absent work is posted on the blog.
* Make up and/or retakes may be a different version than the original test. The requirements for retakes will follow the district retake policy.

**Curriculum:**

* During U.S. Government we will be covering the following chapters:

 **Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21**

**The following grading scale will be used:**

93-100=A 73-76=C

89-92=A- 72–69=C-

87-88=B+ 67-68=D+

83-86=B 63-66=D

79-82=B- 58-62=D-

 77-78=C+ 57.5% or Below=E

**By signing this I agree to honor these classroom rules, and the consequences associated with breaking them.**

**Student Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_