

Civics and Government

Thursday at 9:00

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Description: The goal of the class is to explore all the intricacies of the United States electoral process. Students will learn about what goes into electing a President as well as Legislators, and why voting is so important. In addition, we will look at how local, state and federal governments are similar and different from one another.

Expectations: Active engagement and willingness to learn and discuss. Although we will be talking about political matters, it is expected that everyone is respectful of the opinions of others. There will be notetaking, so please have a pen/pencil and notebook handy.

Session 3

- 1/15 Citizenship and Participation
- 1/22 Foundation of Government
- 1/29 The Constitution
- 2/5 The Bill of Rights and Amendments
- 2/12 Two Party System: Democrats and Republicans
- Mid Session Break
- 2/26 Legislative Branch: Representatives and Senators
- 3/5 Gerrymandering and Committees
- 3/12 Executive Branch: The President and Cabinet
- 3/19 Electoral College and Policy

Session 4

- 3/26 Judicial Branch: Court system
- 4/2 Nominations and Interpreting the Constitution
- Spring Break
- 4/23 State Government
- 4/30 Local Government
- 5/4 Government and the Market
- 5/14 International Relations
- 5/21 Mock Elections
- 5/28 TBD