



SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



PLANNED COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Title: American Society Grade Level(s): 12 Units of Credit: 1 Classification: Required	Length of Course: 30 cycles Periods Per Cycle: 6 Length of Period: 43 minutes Total Instructional Time: 129 hours
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Course Description

This course is an examination of democracy, political science, economics, executive branch, judicial branch and legislative branch of the government. Major emphasis will be placed on the inner-workings of government and the political system. The course stresses modern life in America by analyzing race, religion, sexism, and the realization of the citizen's role in society. Special activities will include building your perfect society, simulating an election, performing a mock trial, conducting model legislation, and debating social issues.

Instructional Strategies, Learning Practices, Activities, and Experiences

Independent Reading Homework Bell Ringers Essay Response	Reading and Writing Practice Guided Group Practice Guided Individual Practice Primary Source Analysis	Teacher Demonstrations Constructive Response Media Analysis
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Assessments

Essays Short Answer Response Primary Source Documents	Homework Reading Responses Independent Project	Group Project Final Exam Media Responses
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Materials/Resources

<u>Magruder's American Government</u> – Prentice Hall, Latest Edition, Online Textbook	<u>Magruder's American Government</u> – Prentice Hall, Latest Edition, Online Resource Kit
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Adopted: 2/15/89

Revised: 1/3/91; 9/18/02; 8/18/08; 5/15/2017

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<p>Functions and Foundation of Government</p> <p>Government and Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of Government • Role of Government in Society <p>Modern Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems Based on Distribution of Power • Systems Based on Decision-making Power • Systems Based on Economic Philosophy <p>Meaning of Democracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Principles • Modern Challenges to Democracy • Future <p>Socialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics • Advantages • Disadvantages <p>Communism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics • Advantages • Disadvantages <p>International Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits • Balance • Restrictions 	<p>The student will describe the importance of government.</p> <p>The student will identify the role of government in society.</p> <p>The student will describe the various forms of modern governments.</p> <p>The student will explain democracy.</p> <p>The student will design different forms of government.</p> <p>The student will compare and contrast the various types of modern governments.</p> <p>The student will define socialism as an economic system.</p> <p>The student will explain communism as an economic system.</p> <p>The student will describe the advantages and disadvantages of international trade.</p> <p>The student will compare the differences between federal, state, and local relations.</p> <p>The student will identify the concept of federalism.</p> <p>The student will evaluate the foundations of American government.</p> <p>The student will explain the development of the United States Constitution.</p> <p>The student will describe the principles of the Constitution.</p> <p>Principles and Documents of Government</p> <p>5.1.12.A Analyze the sources, purposes, functions of law, and how the rule of law protects individual rights and promotes the common good.</p>

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