

Government

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Course Description:

American Government is a required course at the 11th grade level. This course allows the student to explore and identify varying themes in American politics to which they have been exposed from Kindergarten through required secondary courses. Students draw on their studies of United States and World History to compare different systems of government and the functions and the necessity of those systems. The Missouri (MO) and US Constitutions are studied in detail as students must pass both the MO and US Constitution tests to meet state standards for graduation. Emphasis will also be placed on the political process.

Big Ideas:

1. That the United States is a democracy and how a democracy works.
2. The United States has three branches of government and be able to identify them and their responsibilities.
3. The importance of voting and how it has an impact on our government.

ELO #	Essential Learner Outcome Description	Standards
1	Students will identify and understand the basic principles of government.	1.a, 2.a, 2.b, 3.L, 4.H, 4.k
2	Students will understand the origins of our government.	1.b, 3.bk
3	Students will be able to recognize and understand the principles of the U.S. Constitution in order to meet state graduation requirements.	1.b, 3.l, 3.k, 3.L
4	Students will know local and state governments and state constitution to meet state graduation requirements.	3.l, 2.a, 3.L
5	Students will analyze and understand how the political process operates.	2.c, 1.a