

# AP US Government and Politics

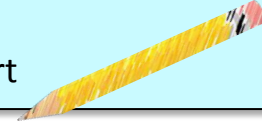
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## EXPECTATIONS:

- Students will treat their peers and the instructor with respect.
- Each student is expected to follow the school's code of conduct (No cell phone or ear phone usage).
- Students will arrive in class and be seated before the bell rings. Three tardies equals an absence.
- Students will come to class prepared and keep an organized notebook.
- Student will come to class with the knowledge and preparation they need to engage with the class.

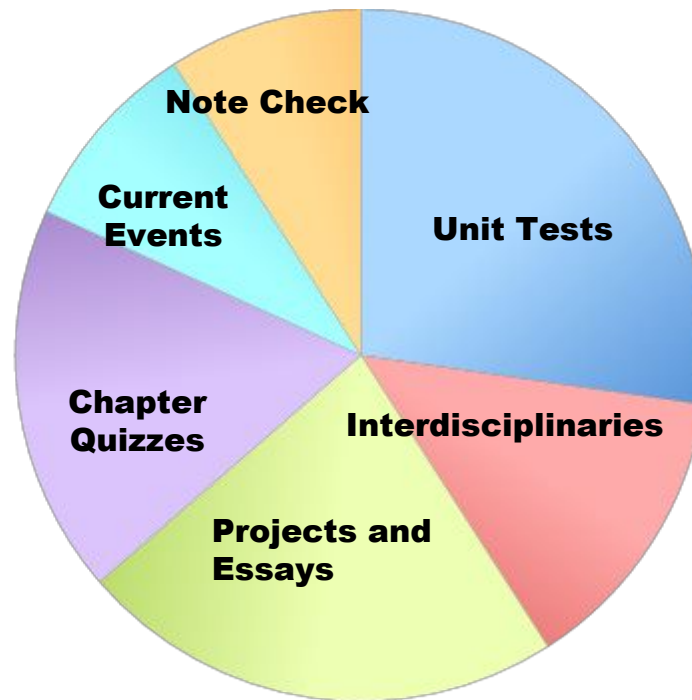
## REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- 3-ring binder with extra paper
- Notebook
- Writing utensils with at least 1 pencil
- Constitution
- Homework
- Open Mind, Open Heart



**SUCCESS IS  
THE SUM OF  
SMALL  
EFFORTS  
REPEATED  
DAY IN AND  
DAY OUT**  
Robert Collier

Your understanding of the material is the most important factor to me, not your grade. Assignments applicable for reassessment will be announced in advance.



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**EXTRA HELP:**

During Lunch and Afterschool by Appointment

**EMAIL:**

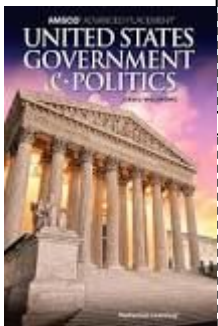
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**Notebooks:** You should have a notebook where you keep all of your classwork and homework. Although your notes will not always be checked, students have said that they are very helpful on the test. Some assignments will be digital. Make sure you are familiar with GoogleClassroom, your CAP blog and **myMCPS Classroom**.

**Textbooks:** The textbook **AMSCO US Government and Politics** is the backbone of the course. Although I will try as often as possible to supplement the chapter with videos or articles, it is important to take good notes, particularly on vocabulary and its application.

**Homework:** You are expected to read and do the homework in order to be prepared for class. Homework may not be checked every day but is assigned because it aids understanding. Homework is graded for accuracy where appropriate, like on Chapter Reviews. Your homework will often be your ticket to metacognitive reassessment.



**Late Work/Makeup Policy:** You can make up up work for an absences within three days of the absence. Please check in with your study partner and with me to be sure you have the work you missed. Late work will be accepted with a 10% penalty up to three class periods after the assignment was due.

**Communication is Key!** If something is preventing you from getting your work done, please talk to me so we can work out a plan that is best for you!



[MCPS Grading Policy](#)

**Metacognitive Reassessment:** Students will look over their multiple choice quizzes and write reflections on the content and process to earn back points from their original quiz. Students will need to bring notes and review questions to go over and use.

**Studying:** This is most of your first AP class. I will work with you to develop good study habits but you must also start making good choices. Work with a study buddy to review material, ask questions and get makeup work. Set aside a designated time for review. Come see me when you have a question, not after a test gets graded. I will hold study skills sessions & review sessions for the test, but you need to make the effort to attend.

**This class can earn you college credit and is assessed as a college course.**

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WHAT PEOPLE THINK IT LOOKS LIKE

WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE

It is my job to maintain an environment in which all students can learn comfortably. This class will be filled with political discussion and you need to engage your peers respectfully, even when they disagree with you. Disruptive, inappropriate, and disrespectful behaviors will not be tolerated.