**Instructor: Joe Jellison (jellison\_j@hcde.org/joe.jellison@gmail.com, 423-886-0880 ext. 397)**

**Course Description:** Students will study the purposes, principles, and practices of American government as established by the Constitution. Students are expected to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens and how to exercise these rights and responsibilities in local, state, and national government. Students will learn the structure and processes of the government of the state of Tennessee and various local governments. The reading of primary source documents is a key factor of United States Government and Civics standards.

**Topics Covered:** Foundations and Principles of United States Government, Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens, Civil Rights, Federalism, the Supreme Court and the Constitution, 2016 Elections and the Political Process, Influence of Media, Fundamentals of a Free Society, Federal Government and the Economy, and Tennessee State and Local Government

**Classroom Mission**: *The mission of this classroom is to develop responsible citizens who have a deeper understanding of the workings of our government, so that he or she can determine their own stance on historical, present, and future political issues.*

**Required Materials:**

1. 3 ring binder (1.5”) with 4 tab dividers

-First tab should be labeled **Current Events**, second tab **Notes/Quizzes**, third tab **Projects**, and fourth tab **Civics**

2. Pencils

3. Notebook paper

**Grading Scale**:

A = 93-100 C = 75-84

B = 85-92 D = 70-74 F = 69 or below

**Evaluation**:

Classwork/Homework = 40%

Quizzes = 10%

Tests/Projects/Papers = 50%

\*The Semester Exam will count 20% of your Semester grade.

**Class Expectations**:

1. Be respectful to everyone and everything.

2. Be prepared for class. Turn assignments in on time.

3. Do not be late. Be in your seat when the bell rings.

4. Participate in class discussions.

5. Always bring your “A” game.

**Academic Integrity:**

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Cheating will not be tolerated at the school. It is imperative that you take responsibility for your own work. If you fail to do this, you will receive a zero on that particular assignment and a phone call to your parents/guardians.

**Other Important Notes**

* Food and water/coffee is fine in the classroom. Please no sodas or messy foods.
* No cell phones during instructional time. **Cell phones will be taken up if they are out during instructional time. I mean business here!!**
* I will be here everyday at 7:00am and after school every day until 2:45pm.
* If you are absent, please go to the make-up work plastic bins to get your work. You have **5** school days to make up the work with no deduction.
* To receive full credit on assignments, they must be turned in on time. If not, I will deduct 10% off your assignment grade for each additional day it is not turned in.
* Assignments will be posted on PowerSchool. Please check assignments daily.
* Please use the “classroom sign out log” on the red clipboard when leaving the classroom.

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***United States Government and Civics***

***Teacher: Mr. Jellison***

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**Due Monday, August 14th**