

U.S. GOVERNMENT & CIVICS
Mrs. Teri Blair
1st, 2nd, and 5th Periods

The purpose of this class is to provide a brief study of our United States government: how it works, how it is a dynamic and exciting process, and how it impacts you. The State of Tennessee, Department of Education, requires that all high school seniors successfully complete one semester of U.S. Government for graduation.

Textbook: United States Government: Democracy In Action, 2008

Supplies: *Folder w/Pockets, Pencil & Paper...everyday!*

Class Procedures: Because this is a one-semester course, only certain parts of the textbook will be covered. Most of the content will be presented by PowerPoint presentations. The students will engage in class lectures, group discussions, close reads, group activities, primary source analyses, content quizzes, and unit tests. The grades for this class will be determined by the following formula:

Group Activities & Daily Grades	1/3 of final 9-Weeks grade
Quizzes:	1/3 of final 9-Weeks grade
Tests:	1/3 of final 9-Weeks grade

State Mandated US Government & Civics Test Requirement: Beginning with the Class of 2017, all high school graduates must take, and successfully pass, a “**US GOVERNMENT & CIVICS TEST**” based on the content in the **US CITIZENSHIP TEST**. There will be many opportunities for students to review and practice this content before the final test is administered.

All work for this class will be done in class each day; therefore you must bring your textbook every day. There should be no homework for this class, except in the event of excused absences or for studying for tests. ****There will be no extra credit assignments for this class. All make-up work should be turned in as quickly as possible, but always within 3 days. It is the responsibility of each student to inquire about make-up work for this class.**

I look forward to spending a part of your senior year with you here at Central High School. I also encourage the interest and involvement of your parents. Should your parents need to contact me about anything regarding your or this class, my contact information is as follows:

Planning Period: 4th Period
Phone Number: 423-263-5541, Ext. 404
E-mail Address: tblair@mcmminnschools.com

I have read the information regarding U.S. Government and understand and accept all of the responsibilities for this class.

I have read and understand all of the classroom rules.

_____ Student Signature _____ Parent Signature

Parent/Guardian's e-mail address _____