



Course Title: AP U.S Government/Economics		
<p>Description: This course will meet both the government and economics requirements for graduation and also prepare the student to take the AP government and politics exam, integrating it with the basic principles of economics. Students will learn the basic principles of a market economy and the role of supply and demand, and price determination. It will also include the role of the government in our economic system. Students will become familiar with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. politics. Students will view current issues in American society from a political and economic point of view. <i>Recommended Prerequisite: American History or AP US History</i></p>		
Reporting Topic	Course Level Standards	Competency Statement
Foundations of American Democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how the distribution of powers among three federal branches and between national and state governments impacts policy making. ● Explain the constitutional principles of separation of powers and "checks and balances" 	Students will be able to analyze the development of the U.S. government.
Interactions Among Branches of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how the structure, powers, and functions of both houses of Congress affect the policy-making process ● Explain the principle of judicial review and how it checks the power of other institutions and state governments ● Explain how the president can implement a policy agenda ● Explain how the bureaucracy carries out the responsibilities of the federal government 	Students will be able to describe the functions and powers of the three branches of government and how they interact with one another.
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how the U.S. Constitution protects individual liberties and rights. ● Explain how constitutional provisions have supported and motivated social movements 	Students will be able to explain how the U.S. Constitution protects individual liberties and rights.
American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the quality and credibility of claims based on public opinion data ● Explain how U.S. political culture (e.g., values, attitudes, and beliefs) influences the formation, goals, and implementation of public policy over time. 	Students will be able to explain how U.S. political culture influences the formation, goals, and implementation of public policy over time.
Political Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Describe linkage institutions ● Describe different models of voting behavior 	Students will be able to analyze the role of linkage institutions in



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the function and impact of political parties on the electorate and government.• Explain the benefits and potential problems of interest-group influence on elections and policy making.• Explain how the organization, finance, and strategies of national political campaigns affect the election process• Explain the media's role as a linkage institution.	the U.S. Government.
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