



MERIT Government Grand Haven High School



Course Number:

Grade Level: 11-12

Credits : .5

Prerequisite Courses : Successful completion of MERIT MI history, MERIT 20th century history

Course Description

This course is designed for students enrolled in the MERIT program. This class will be combined with a general education government class, with the MERIT students being on separate roster and a special education teacher collaborating with the general education teacher. The goal of this American Government course is active engagement in public discourse as citizens in our democracy. The role of service in the community and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship are emphasized.

Course Objectives

This class encourages active discussion about politics, students in this course may conduct a trial, participate in an election, debate in a legislature, and complete other hands-on assignments.

Student Expectations

For students to be successful in American Government, students will:

- Be on time for class
- Be ready to participate
- Come prepared to class (writing utensil, binder, ideas)
- Show respect for all students and staff
- Have a positive attitude
- Be willing to share ideas and ask questions
- Expectations in regards to attendance, bullying, etc. can be found in the student handbook

Communication

Students and Parents are encouraged to monitor their own grades through Parent Interent Viewer. Teacher communication can be made through email, phone, conferences or setting up specific meeting times.

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Grading Policy

Grading Policy is determined by the Special Education Department

Scope and Sequence

- History and development of our country
- How congress works
- The election process
- The roles and responsibilities of the President
- The electoral college
- Qualities of being a good citizen

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