**Course Syllabus**

**Class: Government**

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**Description:** This is a one-semester course required for graduation. Students will focus on our federal government system along with studying state and local government. All studies will establish vital links between each governmental system and their effects on the individual in today’s society. Real life interactions between students and government will bring about better understanding of how these systems work.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Career Pathways:** Arts and Communication, Business, Management and Marketing Technology, Engineering, Manufacturing and Marketing Technology, Health Sciences, Human Services, Natural Resources and Agriscience.

**Method of Grading:** The Social Studies Department at OHS grades on the following breakdown: 25% Homework, 25% Projects, 25% Tests and Quizzes, 25% Common Assessments.

All students are required to take the exam

**Primary Materials Provided:** Textbook

McClenaghan, William A., American Government, (Illinois: Prentice Hall, 2002. ISBN 0-13-063075-6

**Proficiency Policy:**

1. You must earn a 60% average for the semester.
2. You must earn a 60% average on common assessments.
3. You must satisfy the high school attendance policy.

**Units of Instruction Approximate Timeline**

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| 1. Conceptual Foundations of Civic and Political Life
 | **3 weeks** |
| 1. Origins and Foundations of American Government
 | **3 weeks** |
| 1. Structure and Function of American Government
 | **3 weeks** |
| 1. The United States of America and World Affairs
 | **3 weeks** |
| 1. Citizenship in the United States of America
 | **3 weeks** |
| 1. Citizenship in Action
 | **3 weeks** |