

Course Syllabus for **Civics**

Grade Level: 10th

Course Length: 1 Semester

Course Description:

Civics is the study of citizenship and government. This course is designed to provide knowledge and understanding of the foundations of our government, our system of government at the federal, state, and local levels, the role of citizens in our government, and our position in global politics. You will learn to make meaningful connections between the content and yourself, and how to apply your learning to real world situations. You will have the opportunity to evaluate the content and you will be expected to justify your conclusions. A variety of assessments (quizzes, exams, presentations, projects, etc.) will be used to measure your learning.

Method of Instruction:

A variety of technique and procedures will be implement including lectures, discussions, reading, research, problem solving, critical thinking activities, civic involvement, role playing and professional presentations.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- Explain the purposes and uses of constitutions in defining and limiting government
- Identify and explain the fundamental values of America's constitutional republic
- Evaluate the roles of citizens in shaping American society
- Understand the purpose, processes and problems of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government
- Evaluate public policy issues
- Identify the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
- Describe how different political systems interact in world affairs

Course Topics/Units and Approximate Pacing Schedule

Unit One: Foundations of Government	10 Days
Unit Two: The Emergence of America's Constitutional Democracy	15 Days
Unit Three: The Structure and Functions of United States Government	20 Days
Unit Four: Other Actors in the Policy Process	15 Days
Unit Five: Citizenship in the United States	10 Days
Unit Six: United States and World Affairs	10 Days

Grading Policy

Grading policy will be established by the teacher and will be provided to students at the beginning of the school year. Grade reporting will occur every five weeks.

Classroom Rules and Expectations

Teachers will explain rules and expectations for the class in compliance with the Flint Community Schools Student Code of Conduct.

Attendance Policy:

We will follow the Flint Community Schools attendance policy. *Teachers will specify any additional classroom attendance policies or procedures.*