

# Bridgepoint High School Class Syllabus

Course name: Government

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**Course Description:** This course will provide students with a solid understanding of our system of government functions. . Students will understand the functions of government in all aspects of our lives. Students will be able to read and analyze primary sources; current events, historical documents, legislative reports, government financial analysis, etc. Students will be able to relate their classroom knowledge of the government and its functions to actual current and past events.

**Text Book:** Prentice Hall, MacGruder's: *American Government*

## **Earning Credits in Class:**

You will earn credits in this class based on your effort, participation and level of production in class. To earn a **PRODUCTIVE DAY**, you must be **on-task, respectful**, must **arrive no more than ten minutes late**, must **stay in class unless given permission to leave**, and must **allow others to work without disruption. If you come to class and earn 2 points or less you will keep those points towards your grade but it counts as a non productive day.**

*40+ productive days = 2.5 credits*

*32-39 productive days = 2.0 credits*

*24-31 productive days = 1.5 credits*

*16-23 productive days = 1.0 credits*

*8-15 productive days = .5 credits*

**Extra credit:** Students working in concert with their instructor can determine which form of extra credit best accommodates their learning modality. Credits and due dates will be determined on a student by student basis.

**In order to qualify for extra credit, a student must satisfy one of the following two conditions:**

- 1) He/she is passing the class, has earned the maximum number of credits allowable due to productive days accumulated and wants to further his/her academic progress. **OR**
- 2) He/she is no longer enrolled in a class, but needs to do extra work in order to earn between .5 and 1.5 credits to satisfy that particular graduation requirement.

**Bonus Point:** Every class session in which a student has: arrived on time, took care of business, followed school rules, and did not leave the classroom will earn a bonus point for that day.

**Make-up work:** Students can makeup all classwork and quizzes missed due to an excused absence. Students have one week(7 days) to complete and turn in makeup work or take the class quiz.

**Assignments:** There is no homework. Everyday there are in class assignments.

**Grading:** The in class assignments and quizzes total 180 points.

160-180 pts earned = A

140-159 pts earned = B

120-139 pts earned = C

100-119 pts earned = D

Below 100 pts = student earned no grade

Grade can be checked daily on Synergy.

**Bridgepoint assignments/projects will be scored using the following rubric:**

**1 - In Progress** (Incomplete) **2 - Approaching Standards** (Emerging) **3 - Meeting Standards** (Proficient) **4 - Exceeding Standards** (Exemplary)

**Keys to success:** Students will arrive to class on time and prepared(pencils and paper). Students will take care of their business and ask the instructor for assistance when it is needed.

