

Grand Island Public Schools

GOVERNMENT B

Course Length: One semester

Grade Levels: 11, 12

Prerequisite Courses: World History B, IEP, or assessment scores combined with teacher recommendation based on students' performance and grades

Course Description:

This course explores the depth and content of the United States Constitution, Declaration of Independence and the modern political system. Students learn about their civic responsibility as a citizen of the United States.

Government B Course Standards

As a result of their participation in this course, students will:

- Use thinking skills to analyze ideas and materials, solve problems, and construct personal perspectives.
- Evaluate alternative ways of organizing constitutional governments.
- Examine how the United States has influenced other nations; and how other nations influenced American politics and society.
- Explain how the world is organized politically.
- Compare and contrast political and economic systems.
- Explain the American idea of constitutional government.
- Analyze what values and principles are basic to American constitutional democracy.
- Examine how power and responsibility is distributed, shared, and limited in the government established by the United States Constitution.
- Explain how the national government is organized and how it functions.
- Explain how states and local governments are organized.
- Explain what is the meaning of citizenship in the United States.
- Examine the rights of citizens.
- Analyze the responsibilities of citizens.
- Analyze domestic policies and constitutional principles and how it affects the United States and relations with the rest of the world.
- Describe the role and purpose of civic life, politics, and government.
- Compare and contrast the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited government.
- Analyze the nature and purpose of a given Constitution.
- Explain how citizens take part in civic life.
- Explain the characteristics of American society.
- Examine American political culture.