

Advanced Government		
Location	Room 203	
Instructor	Miss Giles	
		Parent Teacher Conferences may be scheduled before school from 7:45 to 8:08 or during the planning period.
Prerequisites	POD and CPE	
Description	Advanced Government will provide you with a closer look at the issues that face our government. We will use historical documents, Supreme Court cases, and current events to discuss and analyze various issues.	
Texts Used	Understanding American Government	
Homework Policy and Philosophy	<p>Homework is to be completed on the due date.</p> <p>All major projects, essays, and written work are to be completed on the due date or a minimum one letter grade penalty will apply. Repeated late assignments will result in more severe grade penalties with each late assignment.</p> <p>If absent email documents by 8:00 am to mgiles@merc.k12.pa.us.</p>	<p>Homework Philosophy</p> <p>"The application of homework within almost every learning activity is a valuable means of reinforcement and evaluation. It is the teacher's role to define such assignments and the responsibility of the students to complete them on time. Parents must also assume their responsibility in regard to student homework; therefore, proper communication between the home and the school are vital in establishing assignments, which can significantly contribute to the overall educational process."</p>
Grading 96.5 A+ 92.5 A 89.5 A- 86.5 B+ 82.5 B 79.5 B- 76.5 C+ 72.5 C 69.5 C- 66.5 D+ 62.5 D 59.5 D- Below F	<p>Grades are based on percentage system and the number of assessments and grades will vary from semester to semester. Evaluations will be in (but not limited to) the following forms:</p> <p>Homework Quizzes Tests Projects/Essays</p> <p>Participation</p> <p>Final</p>	<p>Academic Integrity</p> <p>"Students caught cheating, plagiarizing, copying homework and/or test, quizzes, and using a paper from the Internet will be given a "o" (zero) on that assignment. In addition, their name will be reported to the office and filed in the event of future violations. Repeated violation could result in removal from class and a non-passing grade."</p>
		<p>When a student is in jeopardy of failing, a progress report will be sent home.</p>

Classroom Rules	Respect the views of others.	
	Be on time and prepared to discuss. <i>Pre-approved excused absence:</i> get your work prior to leaving and it is due upon your return. Written papers are always to be turned in on the due date. Make-up work is your responsibility. Make-up tests may be a different version.	
Required Materials	Three-ring binder, Chromebook	

OUTLINE OF MATERIAL COVERED IN THIS CLASS		
Chapter	Topic	Notes
1	The American People	
2	The Constitution	
3	Federalism	
7	Political Parties	
8	Elections	
10	Congress	
11	The President	
5	The Media	
12	Supreme Court	
	Special Projects:	Founding Fathers, Presidents, Elections, Terrorism, or any current event topic that evolves.

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170 days of instruction		