

**Tokyo International Progressive School
Grade 12 American Government Course Outline
2022-2023**

Mr. Jessen-Petersen, Room 24



“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.”

— **Thomas Jefferson**

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

American Government topics will include:

Unit 1: “Congress”: The House and the Senate, Powers of Congress, Legislation

Unit 2: “The Presidency”: The Presidency, Presidential Power

Unit 3: “Federal Operations”: Federal Bureaucracy, The Federal Budget, Foreign Policy

Unit 4: “The Federal Judiciary”: The Judicial System, The Supreme Court

Unit 5: “Civil Liberties”: The Bill of Rights, Due Process of Law

Unit 6: “Civil Rights”: Equal Protection Under the Law, Rights and Citizenship

In this class, students will learn the fundamentals of the American government, and along the way, increase their understanding of government in general and how other governments may function as well. Through this, students will learn the importance of what role government plays in our lives, and also what role and responsibilities we have and could have as a citizen.

Materials: *Magruder's American Government*. Boston, Massachusetts: Prentice Hall, 2013.

Textbooks will be uploaded digitally for students to have online access.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:
 - Accordion binder with agenda inside
 - Pencil Case (w/ pencil, pen, eraser)
 - Any related handouts from teacher
 - Water bottle
 - Charged laptop or tablet
 - Headphones
 - Any materials for accommodations (e.g. noise-canceling earbuds)
 - Work due
 - Digital copies of the textbook are provided for each student with online access

- Students are allowed to drink closed drink bottles in the classroom. Water and sports drinks are preferred. Cans are not allowed in the classroom. Food is also not allowed in the classroom.

- When in use, laptops will remain on the desk

- Students will be allowed to listen to music in class for certain activities with the teacher's permission. Music must be played

from a playlist, and the songs must be free of lyrics (no lyrics music)

EARNING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be determined by your work in these categories:

Grade Category	Percentage of your grade
Evaluations	30%
Projects	34%
Progress Tests	36%

The grading scale for this course will be:

Letter grade	Mark range
A+	97-100
A	92-96
B+	88-91
B	83-87
C+	79-82
C	74-78
D+	70-73
D	65-69
F	64 or below

IMPORTANT DATES

Assessment	Due Date
Teacher Connect #1	Wednesday, Sept. 7
Evaluation #1	Friday, Sept. 9
Project #1	Tuesday, Sept. 13
Teacher Connect #2	Monday, Sept. 26
Evaluation #2	Wednesday, Sept. 28
Progress Test 1	Friday, September 30th

Teacher Connect #3	Monday, October 17th
Evaluation #3	Wednesday, October 19th
Project #2	Wednesday, October 26th
Teacher Connect #4	Monday, November 14th
Evaluation #4	Wednesday, November 16th
Progress Test #2	Tuesday, November 22nd
Teacher Connect #5	Wednesday, December 7th
Evaluation #5	Friday, December 9th
Project #3	Monday, December 16th
Teacher Connect #6	Friday, January 13th
Evaluation #6	Tuesday, January 17th
Progress Test #3	Friday, January 21st