COURSE SYLLABUS

CURRICULUM AREA: Social Studies

COURSE TITLE: Government                      GRADE LEVELS: 11-12

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course focuses on American Government and its relationship with global issues. It is designed to provide knowledge and understanding of the U. S. government systems on the federal, state and local levels. Students will gain an understanding of the democratic system as it relates to the core democratic values. An analysis of the procedure and the role of citizens to be active participants in government will be presented.

COURSE TOPICS:
1. Principles of government
2. Origins of American government
3. The Constitution
4. Federalism
5. First Amendment freedoms
6. Due process of law
7. The structure of Congress
8. Office of the President
9. The court system and legal process

COURSE TEXTBOOK:

COURSE EXPECTATIONS:
This class will utilize a variety of pathways to understanding, including lectures, discussions, reading, research, problem solving, critical thinking activities, civic involvement and role playing.

MAJOR COURSE ASSIGNMENTS / REQUIREMENTS
Students may be required to take notes and complete reading assignments. There may be projects assigned from time to time that may involve research and time outside of class to complete as well as daily assignments. Homework will be given on an as-needed basis, probably 2-4 assignments per week.
Students are expected to have a notebook and take notes in class. They are expected to bring their textbook to class daily and be attentive.