

**Participation In Government**  
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**Course Overview:**

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a well-rounded survey of the United States Government and make them better well rounded citizens who can make informed and educated decisions when it comes to elections. This course is a REQUIREMENT by the State of New York for graduation. As the name says, this class is a participation class. Students are required to make multiple presentations to the class. This is a project based course. There is a semester-long project that will be required. FAILURE to do this project will result in failing the class.

**Class Procedures:**

Class begins when the bell rings! NO EXCEPTIONS! Students MUST have a pass if they are late.

Come to every class prepared! Bring notebooks, pencils, and have any completed assignments if assigned.

**Homework/Project Policy:**

Homework is due on the day assigned. **NO LATE HOMEWORK/PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!!** If you are absent on the day homework is due, you have until the next class to do that homework. If you choose not to do it a zero will be given. An extra day will be given for each absence to make up the missed work. (The Final Project will be accepted late with a 10 point deduction each day late).

**Electronics Policy:**

Electronics and technology will be used often in class. However, Cell Phones must be turned off or silent when entering class and out of sight. I take this policy VERY seriously. If these rules are not followed the policy is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Warning: Verbal, student will be asked to put the device away
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning: Device will be taken for the rest of the class period
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Warning: Device will be taken for the rest of the day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Warning: Device will be taken and the parent will have to come and get it

**Grading Policy:**

As per the Morris Central School Student Handbook, each student will be graded as follows:

Tests = 60%

Homework = 40%

Tests will include a Unit test, Research Projects, Presentations, and formal essays. There will be a minimum of **FIVE (5)** each quarter.

All other work and work completed in class will fall under the Homework heading; this would also include class participation. Participation is a required part of this class.

**Materials needed:**

- School Supplied Chromebook
- 3 Ring Binder
- Note Paper
- Pen/Pencil

**Expectations of each student:**

Students are expected to come into class and act like civilized adults. All students will be treated with respect and I expect students to do the same with me and their classmates. Poor behavior will not be tolerated and will be treated severely. This class can be a fun experience for everyone, even if you do not like history. The semester project is an important part of this class. Not doing it will result in **FAILING THE CLASS!!!!** This means you will **NOT GRADUATE!!!!**

Thank you. I hope your experience in Participation in Government is both fun and educational. I look forward to having you in my class!

I have read through the course information and understand the procedures, requirements, and expectations for **Participation in Government**.

I understand that my child is responsible for all assignments, projects, test prep, and any other academic requirements.

I understand that if my child has any problems in class they need to speak with the teacher in order to rectify the problem. If I have a problem with my child's progress I will contact the teacher. The teacher will also be in contact when necessary. I send out group Email's so it is helpful for me to have an Email address.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Please let me know how you prefer to be contacted.

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) and best times to call

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