**Ms. Allison Halloran Public Affairs 2017-2018**

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**Course Description**:

This course will examine fundamentals of government and politics on the local, state and national level and the role of the American citizen. Topics to be covered include the election process, civil liberties and civil rights, voting, political parties, the role of the media in politics and interest groups. Special attention will be given to current events in a variety of areas including but not limited to business, education, science and technology.

## General Class Rules

## No cell phone use or charging. Phones are to be placed in the designated spot. Failure to comply will result in a reduced participation grade.

## Anyone who comes late to class, for any reason, must have a pass.

## Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any plagiarized assignment will result in a nonnegotiable 0 points.

## Respect others and their opinions at all time. Failure to act or speak in an appropriate manner will result in a reduced participation grade.

**Community Service**

* Students must complete 5 hours of documented communityservice to earn 50/50 for the 2nd quarter. This may be submitted prior to the January 10th due date.
* Students must submit (via Canvas) a reflection paper of their service experience to earn 50/50 for the 2nd quarter. This may be submitted prior to the January 12th due date.

**Grading**

* Grades will be calculated on a total point system.
* All assignments will be submitted electronically via Canvas or Turnitin.com.
* Classwork, behavior and attendance will be factored into Participation grade.
* Quarter average will be determined from total points earned in categories of Participation, Quizzes and Tests.