

ROSLYN HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT: SOCIAL STUDIES

NAME OF COURSE: PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT (HONORS)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Participation in Government concentrates on the basic mechanisms of American government as well as the major issues which confront American society. Through readings, research, and discussion, students grapple with how best to resolve issues which elude easy solutions. Much of the discussion promotes values clarification through identifying and exploring the conflicting values which underpin political decision-making.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

This course gives students a broad overview of the American system of government, including the constitution, branches of government, the electoral process, citizenship, etc. In addition, the course addresses a series of important contemporary issues, including race, gender, and those issues associated with campus life. In addition, time is devoted to discussing important domestic and international issues as they emerge.

TEXTBOOKS

This course does not use a standard textbook, but relies on a series of essays, magazine articles, and other timely materials.

REQUIREMENTS

- Frequent essays
- Variety of research activities
- Daily participation in class
- Tests and Quizzes
- Final Exam

GRADING PROCEDURES

Every assignment is graded numerically.

The final grade is arrived at through adherence to the Roslyn High School grading policy.

Alternative assessments in which students demonstrate knowledge are an important component in the evaluation process.