

US History and Government

Dear Students and Families:

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a relaxing and restful summer.

U.S. History and Government is a one-year required course that is designed to provide students a deeper look into the major forces that helped shape their nation's history. All year students will be challenged to think on a higher level about historical events and their impact on the United States. The course begins with a unit of study on the formation of the United States Constitution as a foundation of the American Republic. The remaining units of study proceed in a chronological format from the Revolutionary period to the present day.

Success will come from the partnership developed between you, your family, and your teachers. Communication between school and home is a key component to your success. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Finsmith and Mrs. Macchiarola

Parents:

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be contacted at Rena.Finsmith@wcsdny.org or 897-6700 ext 30088. **E-mail is best**

Website:

<http://www.wappingersschools.org//Domain/1309>

Students must pass this course in order to be eligible for a high school diploma and graduation.*

Regents Exam

Part I – contains 28 multiple choice

Part II – contains 2 short essays

Part III – contains 1 civic literacy essay

TBD if the Regents score will count in the final average

Materials:

- **3 ring binder**
-students are expected to keep a binder for US History which is to be kept in order and brought to class each day
- **Loose Leaf paper**
- **Marble notebook**
- **Pens and pencils**

Grading:

- Class Participation 5-10 points
- Homework 10-20 points
- Tests 15-30 points
- Quizzes 10-25 points
- Projects 25-50 points

Classroom Expectations

Be on time - in your seat and ready to work **before** the bell rings

Cheating will result in a zero and a call home. The use of **AI** to complete work is considered cheating unless use is directed by the teacher.

Chromebooks must be brought to class daily and **MUST BE FULLY CHARGED**. Students are expected to be on task for the entire period.

Respect - us, your classmates, and yourself. Put down, inappropriate language, and negative comments will **NOT** be tolerated.

Homework – Will be collected, graded, and included as part of the course grade. Most of the work will be done in class. However, there may be times that homework will need to be completed at home. All homework should be turned in on time. Any late work that is not reviewed or discussed in class **may be accepted for half credit**.

Cell Phones are not permitted in class unless teacher directed. As per page 13 of the code of conduct: The use of cell phones without permission will result in a referral prompting the use of “lockable phone pouches.”

Make up work - If you missed school for either illness or a family emergency, you will have **3 days** from when you return to make up any missed work. **YOU** are responsible to obtain any missed work; **CALL GUIDANCE** and they will notify teachers and gather work to be picked up. Students will not be allowed to make up work for illegal absences.

Air pods must be removed from ears at all times .

Check google classroom when you are absent for any amount of time.

Testing – Advanced warning will be given for unit exams and quizzes.

If you are **LEGALLY** absent for a test, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check with us. You are then to take the exam at the **TEST TABLE** during a free period within 3 days of your return. After 3 days a score of **ZERO** will be given*

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Please sign and return, signifying you have read the course information provided, **no later than Friday 9/13.**

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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Please provide me with the **telephone number** or **e-mail address** that is best to contact you with regards to your child's progress in this course.
