**Course Description:**

* In this course, we will focus on the economic, legal, and political systems in our nation.

**Course Goals:**

* Acquire skills and knowledge necessary to become responsible and effective citizens of

 the interdependent world

* Understand how to participate in our democratic government
* Think critically about major events of the past and present

**Behavior Expectations:**

* Be responsible and respectful at all times!
* Arrive to class prepared and **on time!**
* Being on time means being in your seat when the bell rings.
* Students who are tardy will be swept and will follow the school’s established tardy policy.
* Turn in all assignments **on time!**
* 10 points will be deducted for every day that an assignment is late.
* If you have an excused absence, please see me immediately regarding any missing work.
* Students should use the bathroom before class starts and may not leave the classroom the first 15 or last 15 minutes of class.
* HAVE FUN!!

**Unacceptable Behaviors/ Things NOT allowed in classroom:**

* Food and/or drinks (bottled water with a lid is permissible)
* Cell phones, MP3 players, and other technology

\*\*If seen or heard, technology will be taken until the end of the class period or school day\*\*

* Inappropriate dress: follow the school dress code
* Profanity
* Throwing of any object
* Sleeping
* Cheating

\*\*Failure to follow these rules and procedures will result in parent/guardian contact and administrative referrals\*\*

**Grades:** Your grades will be calculated using the following percentages:

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| Tests and Projects | 40% |
| Classwork and Homework | 35% |
| Quizzes | 25% |
| Final Exam | 25% of semester grade |

**Supplies:** Please get the following school supplies as soon as possible:

\* 1”-2” 3-Ring Binder \*Pens/Pencils \*Notecards

\* Dividers \* Loose Leaf Paper

**\*Please visit my website,** [**msgilchristahs.weebly.com**](http://msgilchristahs.weebly.com/)**, to stay up to date for class.**