JENNINGS COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY: 653-8150

7th Grade SYLLABUS American Civics and Geography

School Year 2019-2020

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Social Studies Department is to help young people develop competence in addressing the challenges of "The Office of Citizen”.

GOALS

Seventh Grade Civics and Geography will establish the essentials of citizenship education, which includes knowledge, procedural skills, and attitudes requisite for democratic participation. This program will also provide students the opportunity to understand geographic concepts and apply them in a real-life milieu. Upon completion, students will gain an appreciation for cultural similarities and differences in a globally linked society.

Basic Rules

1. Listen and follow directions.
2. **NO CELL PHONE USAGE DURING CLASS TIME**
3. Complete and turn in all assignments by the due date.
4. Raise hand for permission to leave seat or offer responses.
5. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
6. Respect classmates, teachers, and visitors.

Mastery Learning Tutoring

In an effort to increase student achievement and academic pride as well as motivation in every student, we will employ the Mastery Learning Model. Students who struggle with concepts will receive remedial assistance on an after school tutorial basis. Moreover, students needing remediation are expected to initiate requests for additional assistance, receive and complete a mastery assignment of the teacher’s choice, then retake a failed or otherwise unacceptable assessment score. Again, this takes place in an afterschool tutorial session. Students mastering a concept before the time allotted in class will receive even higher levels of enrichment activities to be applied in class or afterschool.

Extracurricular Activities: Student Government

Community Service

All 7th Grade students are required to complete ten (10) community service hours within the school year. Students may perform their obligations at many organizations throughout the metropolitan region. Our WE Schools program help satisfy some hours through Ms. Wade and school-wide initiatives. Some examples are:

* Church-Based Organizations
* Fraternities and Sororities
* School-Based Service in Jennings or elsewhere
* Athletic Associations
* Social Organizations such as NAACP, Urban League, United Way
* Parental Place of Employment
* St. Louis County-based Services; such as Parks and Recreation, Youth Services

**Scope and Sequence**

**2019-2020**

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| Quarter One  **Unit I: Foundations of Citizenship (4-5 Weeks)**   * American Values * Social Institutions * Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens * Political Parties and Voting * Personal Narrative Essay   **Unit II Part: Roots of the American Government (4-5 Weeks)**   * Athenian Democracy and Roman Republic * Magna Carta, Types of Government, English Bill of Rights * House of Burgesses/Mayflower Compact * Colonial Taxes, Declaration of Independence,   Articles of Confederation   * **Biographic Essay** | Quarter Three  **Unit V: Legislative Branch (2-3 Weeks)**   * House of Representatives * Senate * Congressional Leadership * How a Bill Becomes a Law   **Unit VI: The Presidency (Executive Branch)**  **3-4 Weeks**   * Qualifications and Duties * Checks and Balances * Comparative Essay of two Presidents   **Unit VI: The Judicial Branch (2 Weeks)**   * The U.S. Supreme Court * Federalism and the Court System |
| Quarter Two  **Unit III: The United States Constitution (4-5 Weeks)**   * Framers/Founders; Constitutional Convention * The Preamble * Principles of the Constitution: Checks and Balances, Federalism, Separation of Powers, Flexibility, Limited Government   **Unit IV: The Bill of Rights (4-5 Weeks)**   * Personal Freedoms * Protections from abuse of power * Rights of the Accused * Extended Rights * **Expository Essay** * **Final Exam Semester 1** | Quarter Four  **Unit VII: State and Local Government**   * State Government: Governor, Federalism, Legislature * Local Government: Types, Service and Revenue, Mayor   **Unit VIII: The American Legal System**   * Law and Society * American Values II: Rule of Law, Majority Rule, Minority Rights, * Criminal Justice * Civil Justice * **Final Exam Semester 2** |

Grading Scale and Weights

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| A: 100%-90%  B: 89%-80%  C: 79%-70%  D: 69%-60%  F: 59% and Below | * Tests and Quizzes: 60% * Classwork: 30% * Homework: 10% |

We look forward to serving our students and assisting them in becoming productive citizens. As so aptly stated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “[The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/martinluth402936.html)”

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