**12th Grade American Government/Economics Syllabus**

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**Course Description:** U.S. Government and Economics is a general course that will provide students with a background in the philosophy, functions, and structure of the United States government. Students will examine the philosophical foundations of the United States government and how that philosophy developed. Students will also examine the structure and function of the United States government and its relationship to the states and citizens. The Economics portion of this course is to provide students with a basic foundation in the field of economics.

**Classroom Rules and Expectations:**

1. At all times, students are expected to uphold the Southland Academy Honor Code and abide by the Southland Academy Student Handbook.
2. Enter and exit the classroom quietly and calmly with all necessary materials, and immediately take your seat.
3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on by the teacher if you have a question or comment.
4. Treat your classmates, your teacher, and yourself with respect at all times.

**Course Requirements:**

1. Class Participation – Students are expected to take notes, keep an organized notebook and engage in class discussions.
2. Assignments – Students are expected to complete all assignments in a timely manner and turn in at the required time.
3. Tests and Exams – Tests will follow each chapter which may be in paper form or online form. A comprehensive Semester Exam will be given at the end of each Semester.

**Grading Policy**

Tests—45% of Grade

Daily—35% of Grade

Semester Exam – 20% of Grade

*\*\*If student exempts semester exam 🡪 Tests 55%, Daily 45%*

**SEMESTER ONE**

**Foundations of American Government**

Chapter 1 – Principles of Government

Chapter 2 – Origins of American Government

**The Constitution and Federalism**

Chapter 3 – The Constitution

The Constitution – 7 Articles and 27 Amendments

Chapter 4 – Federalism

**The Legislative Branch**

Chapter 10 – Congress

Chapter 11 – Powers of Congress

**The Executive Branch**

Chapter 13 – The Presidency

Chapter 14 – The Presidency in Action

**The Judicial Branch**

Chapter 18 – The Federal Court System

**SEMESTER TWO**

**The Stock Market Game**

**Civil Liberties and Freedoms**

Chapter 19 – Civil Liberties: First Amendment Freedoms

Chapter 20 – Civil Liberties: Protecting Individual Rights

Chapter 21 – Civil Rights: Equal Justice Under the Law

**Political Behavior: Government by the People**

Chapter 5 – Political Parties

Chapter 6 – Voters and Voter Behavior

Chapter 7 – The Electoral Process

**Introduction to Economics**

Fundamentals of Economics

Macroeconomics

Personal Finance

Social and Economic Policy

**Every Chapter will include the following grades:**

Chapter Definitions/Questions – Daily Grade

Chapter Study Guide/Paired Work – Daily Grade

Online Chapter Quizzes – Daily Grade

Chapter Practice Test – Daily Grade

Test Prep Worksheet – Daily Grade

Chapter Test – Test Grade

*\*\*Other Various Assignments May Be Given For Daily Grade*