

Cocke County High School

United States Government & Civics 2025/2026 Syllabus

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U.S. Government and Civics Course Content

The United States Government and Civics course is a semester-length class designed to provide students with a study of the history, institutions, policies, and functions of the United States government. Students will forge connections between the framework of the U.S. Constitution and the functions of today's government, along with discussions on civic ritual, public policymaking, and current events.

Google Classroom Code: rmury3h4

Viewing Grades in ASPEN:

Points you receive for graded activities will be posted to the ASPEN Gradebook. Instructor will have grades up for viewing online within 5 days of completing an assignment.

Letter Grade Assignment:

Final grades assigned for this course will be based on the percentage of total points earned and are assigned as follows:

A: 90-100 Excellent Work

B: 80-89 Good Work

C: 70-79 Average Work

D: 60-69 Poor Work

F: 0-59 Failing

Chromebooks

It is essential for students to bring their school-issued Chromebook or personal device with them each day to class. These devices should be charged each day and the charger should be brought to school with the device. We will use Chromebooks to complete a variety of coursework on Google Classroom throughout the semester. Chromebooks should only be used at times specified by the teacher and only for the purposes specified by the teacher.

Required Materials: (bring every day to class)

- Textbook: United States Government and Civics, McGraw Hill. Textbooks must stay in my room as I only have a classroom set. However, if you wish to check out a textbook, you may do so. You are required to see me prior to leaving the classroom with a textbook.
- Chromebook or personal computer, charged and ready to use in class.
- Folder, paper, pencils, or pens.

Course Outline:

This course is broken down into seven units, guided by the Tennessee Academic Standards for United States Government and Civics. Each day, learning will be guided by these state standards. The basic outline for the course is listed below. Please note that the dates listed below are subject to change depending on school closings and individual class pacing.

Unit 1: Foundations of Constitutional Government

State Standards GC.01-GC.09
August 4th-August 22nd

Unit 2: The Legislative Branch

State Standards GC.10-GC.15
August 25th-September 12th

Unit 3: The Executive Branch

State Standards GC.16-GC.18
September 15th-September 30th

Unit 4: The Judicial Branch

State Standards GC.19-GC.22
October 1st-October 24th

Unit 5: Civil Liberties

State Standards GC.23-GC.27
November 1st-November 18th

Unit 6: Tennessee State & Local Government

State Standards GC.31-GC.35
November 19th-December 3rd

Unit 7: Citizen Participation

State Standards GC.28-GC.30
December 4th-December 12th