



**Dallas High School**  
*Home of the Dragons*

## **Civics and Government 2022-23**

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**Course Description:** This Civics class is a single semester course for seniors that emphasizes involved citizenship. The course will have class work that supports and enhances student opportunities to be active in local, state, and national political issues. In addition, students will learn the governmental organizational structures at the federal, state, and local level. By the end of the course students will know and understand the rights, duties, and responsibilities of being a United States citizen.

This course is housed in the Canvas LMS.

**Texts:** United States Government: Democracy in Action (Glencoe, 2008)

### **Course Outline:**

<b>Unit 1</b>	Civic Engagement
<b>Unit 2</b>	Political Parties/Media Bias
<b>Unit 3</b>	Voting and Elections in the US
<b>Unit 4</b>	Foundations of US Constitution
<b>Unit 5</b>	The Bill of Rights

### **Standards to Be Assessed:**

Oregon Social Science: HS1-4, HS7, HS9, HS10, HS11, HS13, HS71, HA73-75, HS77

Oregon State Standards for Social Science can be accessed at this site:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/socialsciences/Pages/Standards.asp>  
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### **Grading and Assessment:**

The following grading scales will be used to calculate a student's course grades and grade point average:

<b>Course Grades will be calculated using the following scale:</b>	<b>Grade Point Averages (GPAs) will be calculated using the following scale:</b>	<b>GPAs for Advanced Placement courses will be calculated using the following scale:</b>
<b>A 90-100%</b>	<b>A (4.0)</b>	<b>A (5.0)</b>
<b>B 80-89%</b>	<b>B (3.0)</b>	<b>B (4.0)</b>
<b>C 70-79%</b>	<b>C (2.0)</b>	<b>C (3.0)</b>
<b>D 60-69%</b>	<b>D (1.0)</b>	<b>D (2.0)</b>
<b>F 0-59%</b>	<b>F (0)</b>	<b>F (0)</b>

**Canvas:** Students will access all materials for this course via the Canvas LMS. Canvas gives students and parents access to assignments (past/present), PowerPoints, video clips, grades etc. If a student misses class they should access Canvas and get the materials needed.

### **Academic Integrity**

The faculty and administration of Dallas High School believe that honesty and integrity are personal attributes worth nurturing in our students. Because we value the educational and skill development opportunities provided by classroom assignments, research projects, tests, and credit recovery, we expect students to express academic integrity by doing their own work and properly documenting information gathered from other sources. Congruous with this belief is our resolve to handle those who violate the principles of academic integrity with stringent consequences as outlined in the [K-12 Code of Conduct](#).

### **Student Electronic Devices at Dallas High School:**

Students are allowed to possess personal electronic devices at school and at school-sponsored activities provided such devices are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment, school-sponsored activities or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, or state and federal laws. Cell phone usage is **only** permitted during scheduled passing periods and lunch times. Students are not allowed to be on their phones in the hallways and other common areas during class time and cell phone usage in the bathrooms and locker rooms is prohibited **at all times**. Students must use a Chromebook or laptop to complete and submit coursework. Cell phones cannot be used for this purpose and can only be used during class time with express advance permission from the teacher.

### **Student Behavior and Expectations:**

Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior in the classroom and contribute to a safe, positive, caring learning environment by cooperating; doing their best to achieve academic excellence; respecting themselves, others, and the environment; and conducting themselves in a safe manner at all times. Clearly defined behavioral expectations are consistent school-wide through the Dragon **PRIDE** acronym. We strive to teach our students to take **PRIDE** in themselves and the school by demonstrating: **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Determination,** and **Empathy** at all times. For more information, please see the [Student/Parent Handbook](#).

### **Diversity**

Dallas School District #2 recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. It is the policy for the Dallas School District #2 Board of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups on the grounds of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation in any educational programs, activities or employment.

### **Gender**

Dallas High School will be proactive in creating a school culture that respects and values all students and fosters understanding of gender identity within the school community. Such guidelines are intended to ensure a safe learning environment free of discrimination and harassment, and to promote the educational and social integration of transgender students. They do not anticipate every situation that may occur and the needs of each student will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.