

# 144 POLITICAL SCIENCE

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The older you get, the more the government impacts your life. This course explains how the American system of government works, how it impacts your life, and how you can influence it. Topics covered include government institutions, public opinion, political parties, interest groups, elections, and voting.

## ACADEMIC PLANNING

This course satisfies .5 credit of the four Social Studies credits required for graduation.

**PREREQUISITE:** NONE

**FREQUENCY:** QUARTERLY/DAILY

## STANDARDS

- 8.1.12.A
- 8.1.12.B
- 8.1.12.C
- 8.2.12.A
- 8.2.12.B
- 8.2.12.C
- 8.2.12.D
- 8.3.12.A
- 8.3.12.B
- 8.3.12.C
- 8.3.12.D
- 8.4.12.A
- 8.4.12.B
- 8.4.12.C
- 8.4.12.D

## UNITS

- Unit 1: Policy Makers
- Unit 2: People and Public Opinion
- Unit 3: Elections and Voting
- Unit 4: Political Parties and Special Interest Groups

## OBJECTIVES

- To teach students how the American Political System operates.

## KEY RESOURCES

- Schoology
- United States Government: Our Democracy textbook

## **ASSESSMENTS & GRADING**

A test will be given at the end of each unit consisting of either essay or objective questions. Students will take a United States Citizenship Exam at the end of the course.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Twin Valley School District's attendance policy can be found in the [TVHS Student Handbook](#).

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

Twin Valley School District's Electronic Device Policy can be found in [School Board Policy 237](#). Additional information can be found in the [TVHS Student Handbook](#).

## **ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT**

The Twin Valley School District has a longstanding commitment to the inclusion of students requiring specially-designed instruction within the general education environment to the extent appropriate for the individual child. Twin Valley School District implements a co-teaching model at levels in which general and special education teachers plan and provide instruction within a general education class so that instruction is differentiated to meet the educational needs of all students. These co-taught classes increase learning opportunities and success within the least restrictive environment.

## **ACADEMIC POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Twin Valley School District values academic integrity. The following information regarding cheating/plagiarism can be found in the [TVHS Student Handbook](#): "Students involved in cheating, plagiarism, and/or unauthorized copying of schoolwork or other educational material will receive no credit for the particular test or assignment, or other actions at the discretion of the teacher. More severe or involved offenses may result in disciplinary actions by the school administration." Additional High School Academic information can be found on their [Program of Studies Website](#).