

Student Government (11/12)
COURSE SYLLABUS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Student Government is a hands-on, project based course with the goal of increasing students' leadership capabilities. Students will actively learn leadership and life skills through class activities and assignments, and the planning/facilitating of school and community events. Through the planning and execution of these events, students will discover how their position in the community can effect change. They will also emerge with a clearer understanding of who they are as leaders.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This class is designed to cover the state standards for leadership. To do so, the learning outcomes for this class are broken down into three main categories.

As a result of taking the Student Government class, students will be able to...

Self-Awareness and Personal Development

1. ...articulate their strengths and set goals for themselves (personal and educational)
2. ...articulate a personal code of ethics to guide decision-making
3. ...recognize how their identity and background influence their leadership style

Leadership and Communication

1. ...express oneself clearly and confidently across various formats (written, oral, visual)
2. ...collaborate with individuals of diverse interests to create inclusive events/activities
3. ...recognize and celebrate the skills and values that other leaders bring to their position
4. ...plan, budget, and market events effectively

Community Citizenship and Responsibility

1. ...build mutually respectful relationships/partnerships with community and school members
2. ...develop a sense of citizenship and identify their role on their campus and town communities
3. ...analyze and assess situations in their community to improve conditions for a group of people

GRADING SCALE/POLICY:

Students will be graded on a basic grading scale according to the following criteria:

- Participation:
 - In class (50%): This will be calculated based on completion of weekly digital time cards and observations from Ms. Garcia. Attitude, willingness to work, class participation, and accountability for assigned jobs will be assessed in this category.
 - Spartan Points (50%): Students will need to collect 100 Spartan Points each semester. Spartan Points will be listed in the classroom, and on the submission form. These points are earned by attending spirited events, helping with set-up, promoting events, and more.
- Assignments: There will be a few projects/assignments about leadership that will be graded. This includes a Monthly Leadership Lesson assignment in Google Classroom.
- 15 volunteer/participation hours: You must log 15 hours of volunteering at events beyond the scope of what Student Government and Leadership plan/organize. These volunteer opportunities will be made known by Ms. Garcia throughout the semester, and students are encouraged to find their own!
- 1 PAC event: Support the arts! Support your fellow Spartans. Go to one performing arts event per semester, take a picture of you there, and show Ms. Garcia.

All of these criteria must be met in order to receive an "A" in the class.

CLASSROOM RULES/EXPECTATIONS:

- Show respect to all. Listen and don't talk while someone else is addressing the class – teacher or student.
- Attendance: My expectation is that you will be in my class *on time* every day. If you are working on a project outside of class, YOU MUST check-in to class FIRST.
- Be accountable for the time you are out of the classroom. Ms. Garcia MUST know where you are at all times. Ask permission, sign out, and you MUST take a pass if you leave class for any reason. Only one person may leave for a one-person job! If a committee needs to set-up, all members must wear their passes. Consequences for being out of class without a pass will result in a loss of participation points.
- ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST NEVER INTERRUPT CLASS!
- Food and drink are allowed in Room 100 as long as they are handled responsibly. If you make a mess, clean it up!
- Turn in all class projects/assignments on time. LATE WORK WILL BE PENALIZED.
- Participate in all school-wide student activities.
- Be a good role model for the rest of the school at all times. This includes following the dress code. Being a good role model also includes behavior at off campus activities such as dances.
- Going out of your way to meet new people in school/classes that you may not normally associate with.
- Attend committee meetings for which you are assigned.
- VOLUNTEER WHEN WE NEED SOMEONE!!!!!!
- **Follow through with all your commitments. Remember people are counting on you!**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONTRACT EXPECTATIONS:

- I agree to conduct myself in a way that evokes respect from my teachers, other school personnel, peers, and the community both during and outside of school.
 - I understand that I am required to purchase a Student Government t-shirt (and am encouraged to buy an ASB card)
 - I understand that while social media has a large impact on advertising and the success of events, I am solely responsible for what is posted to my social media sites. I realize that it may be monitored and there may be consequences for postings that do not reflect myself, my organization, or my school in the best possible light.
 - I understand that being a member of the Student Government is an opportunity to develop as a leader and be exposed to numerous school sponsored activities.
 - I understand that participation in this class requires me to have excellent attendance, maintain a **2.5 GPA** with no D's or F's.
 - I understand by being a member of this class I have the responsibility to dress up on **ALL spirit days** throughout the year, attend all **lunchtime activities** and **class meetings** unless excused by Ms. Garcia ahead of time.
 - I understand there are events that I will need to attend on behalf of Student Government, and will work with my teachers to be responsible for my academics on these occasions (Career Day, Leadership Conference, and more TBD...)
 - I understand that student leadership **REQUIRES** after school, evening and weekend attendance. There is 15 hours of volunteering, one PAC requirement each semester
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Please sign and return by Friday, August 22, 2025.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read Ms. Garcia’s course outline for Student Government (11/12). I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the expectations, rules and curriculum for this Student Government class. If I have any questions, I will contact Ms. Garcia by email or phone for clarification.

Guardian Name (printed)

Student Name (printed)

Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date