

Your seniors have **two choices**: AP Government & Politics or We the People...

### *Advanced Placement (AP) United States Government & Politics*

A.P. American Government is an intensive study of the principles, structures, and functions of U.S. government and the American political system. This course is designed to prepare students for the Advanced Placement College Board "United States Government and Politics" Exam. Emphasis will be placed on the five content areas of the A.P. Exam:

1. Foundations of American Democracy
2. Interactions Among the Branches of Government
3. Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
4. American Political Ideologies and Beliefs
5. Political Participation

This course is equivalent to an introductory college level political science class. It fulfills the Washoe County School District's requirement for credit in government, and passage of the AP exam with a 3, 4, or 5 will be counted in many colleges and universities for credit. After the AP exam in May, students will complete two additional units on Economics and Financial Literacy, as mandated by the state for graduation.

### *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*

I am super excited to be offering one period of AP Government & Politics as a competitive "We the People" class. The 22-23 school year will be my 6<sup>th</sup> year of "WtP" in Nevada; my teams have received many rewards in the previous years and the last two years went to state competition. I have no doubt Galena HS will continue to improve, opening the doors to travel (?) and scholarships. Students in We the People will experience a rigorous curriculum with writing, functional public speaking, teamwork, guest speakers. My current students will attest that this class is like no other.

"**The We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Program** promotes civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students. The We the People curriculum is an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of the United States constitutional democratic republic. The program enjoys active support from state bar associations and foundations, and other educational, professional, business, and community organizations across the nation. Since its inception in 1987, more than 30 million students and 75,000 educators have participated in the We the People program."

<https://www.civiced.org/we-the-people>

***\*Nevada Seal of Civics\* while the requirement details have not been released by the state both courses will strive to meet the criterion for seniors to earn the seal for their 2023 HS diploma***

Can't decide? Have more questions? Email me [tomeara@washoeschools.net](mailto:tomeara@washoeschools.net)

Thanks,

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