



Nazareth Area School District

American Government and Economics

Course Description

The course will be divided into two disciplines: United States Government and Economics. The course will begin by developing an understanding of the Constitution and its principles as a foundation of our governmental system. Students will then take an in-depth look into the three branches of government analyzing the origins, structure, functions and connection to the American citizenry. In the analysis of our Judicial Branch, the students will explore landmark Supreme Court cases associated with the many issues of our contemporary world. Lastly, students will explore political ideology and our political system.

In the second portion of the course, students will have an opportunity to learn and apply the concepts used to understand basic Economics and an analysis of specific contemporary examples. Students will master economic concepts including scarcity, opportunity cost, supply, demand, elasticity, competition, and globalization. Students will examine America's economic history and economic challenges in an effort to develop a more sophisticated worldview.

Units of Study

Government
Constitutional Foundations
Legislative Branch
Executive Branch
Judicial Branch
Politics

Economics
Introduction to Economics
Economic Systems
Markets
Investing
Globalization

Activities

Primary Source Analysis
Research
Discussions
Debate

Assessments

Homework Assignments
Quizzes
Chapter Tests
Projects-Group and Individual
Final Exam

Academic Standards

5.1.12 Principles and Documents of Government
5.2.12 Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship
5.3.12 How Government Works
5.4.12 How International Relationships Function

6.1.12 Economic Systems
6.2.12 Markets and the Functions of Governments
6.3.12 Scarcity and Choice
6.4.12 Economic Interdependence
6.5.12 Work and Earnings

