



*Dr. Taylor's American Government Class*

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school for an exciting semester of learning and welcome to the Panther family. What follows is a list of rules, grading system, supplies needed for this class, how to access the internet to see if there are any assignments for the day, and the topics to be covered in the first nine-week period.

If you have Internet access, please list your e-mail address. This is usually the best method of communication. Also, students will be receiving information soon that will allow them to access their class period's Canvas site. On this website, you will be able to find the activities and assignments. Students will also be given a code for Remind. This will allow me to send out notifications of important reminders and information. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me by using the following e-mail address: [metaylor@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:metaylor@volusia.k12.fl.us).

Students attending class via Volusia Live should be sure to log on in time for the start of class, in the event of an internet issue notify the teacher as soon as possible to ensure proper credit for attendance.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Taylor

### **I. Classroom Rules and Expectations**

- Safety First**
- Get to Class**
- Dress for Success**
- Do Your Best**
- Show Respect**

### **II. Grading System**

**A. The state system for assigning grades is as follows:**

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

**B. Grades will be based on the following weights:**

- **Diagnostic Assessments** 0%
- **Formative Assessments** 40%
- **Summative Assessments** 60%

**III. Supplies Needed for Class**

- a. **Binder**
- b. **Dividers (Pack of 8)**
- c. **3-4 different colors of highlighters**
- d. **Pencils/blue or black pens (not neon colors)**
- e. **Paper**
- f. **Cheap earbuds w/microphone**
- g. **Glue sticks**
- h. **Small handheld pencil sharpener**
- i. **One box of Kleenex or facial tissue (optional and greatly appreciated)**
- j. **One pack of copy paper (optional and greatly appreciated)**

**IV. Semester Syllabus**

- a. **First Nine Weeks of Class**
  - i. **Foundations & Origins of American Government**
  - ii. **Legislative Branch**
  - iii. **Executive Branch**
- b. **Second Nine Weeks of Class**
  - i. **Judicial Branch**
  - ii. **Participating in Government**
  - iii. **Government in Action**