

Shenandoah Community School District Advanced Placement Government

Twelfth Grade

12.1 Behavioral Science

12.1.4 Understand how social status, social groups, social change, and social institutions influence individual and group behaviors (I, D, M)

- Understand the concept of stratification (way in which groups of people are placed within society) (I,D,M)
 - Open system (I,D,M)
 - Closed system (I,D,M)
- Understand what affect social inequality (I,D,M)
 - Gender (I,D,M)
 - Age (I,D,M)
 - Health (I,D,M)
 - Socioeconomic status (I,D,M)
- Understand changes in social and political institutions reflect and affect individuals' values and behaviors (I, D, M)
- Understand that family and gender roles have changed (I,D,M)

12.5 Political Science/Civic Literacy

12.5.1 (SCSD) Understand the rights and responsibilities of each citizen and demonstrate the value of lifelong civic action (I, D, M)

- Understand rights, roles, and status of the individual in relation to the general welfare (I, D, M)
- Understand that constitutional democracy requires the participation of an attentive, knowledgeable, competent citizenry (I, D, M)
- Understand (personal, political, and economic) rights are secured by
 - Constitutional government (I,D,M)
 - The rule of the law (I,D,M)
 - Checks and balances (I,D,M)
 - An independent judiciary (I,D,M)
 - Vigilant citizenry (I,D,M)
- Understand ways citizens participate in the political process at levels (I,D,M)
 - Local (I,D,M)
 - State (I,D,M)
 - National (I,D,M)
- Understand the importance of becoming knowledgeable about public affairs (I,D,M)
- Understand the roles of political parties, campaigns, and elections in American Politics (I, D, M)
- Understand the importance of voluntarism as a characteristic of American society (I, D, M)

12.5.2 (SCSD) Understand how the government established by the Constitution embodies the enduring values and principles of democracy and republicanism (I, D, M)

- Understand the central ideas of American constitutional government and how this form of government has shaped the character of American society (I, D, M)
- Understand the role of government in major areas of:
 - Domestic policy (I,D,M)
 - Foreign policy (I,D,M)

12.5.3 (SCSD) Understand the purpose and function of each of the three branches of government established by the US Constitution (I, D, M)

- Understand the purpose of government and how its powers are:
 - Acquired (I,D,M)
 - Used (I,D,M)
 - Justified (I,D,M)
- Understand the necessity of politics and government (I,D,M)
- Understand the purposes, organization, and functions of:
 - Legislative branch (I,D,M)
 - Executive branch (I,D,M)
 - Judicial branch (I,D,M)
 - The independent regulatory agencies (I,D,M)

12.5.4 (SCSD) Understand the differences among the complex levels of local, state, and national government and their inherent, expressed and implied powers (I, D, M)

- Understand the design and features of the Constitution, using a system of checks and balances, to prevent the abuse of power by aggregating power at different levels (I,D,M)
 - National (I,D,M)
 - State (I,D,M)
 - Local (I,D,M)
- Understand provisions of the Constitution and principles of the constitutional system help to insure a government that will not exceed its limits (I,D,M)
- Understand the limits the United States Constitution places on the powers of:
 - The states (I,D,M)
 - The national government over the state government (I,D,M)
- Understand the policies of state and local governments provide citizens with ways To:
 - Monitor and influence the actions of members of government (I,D,M)
 - Hold member of government responsible for their actions (I,D,M)

12.5.5 (SCSD) Understand strategies for effective political action that impacts local, state, and national governance (I, D, M)

- Understand participation in civic and political life can help citizens attain individual and public goals (I, D, M)
- Understand the role of diversity in American life, in an increasingly diverse society, and the importance of :
 - Shared values (I,D,M)
 - Political beliefs (I,D,M)
 - Civic beliefs (I,D,M)

12.5.6 (SCSD) Understand how laws and public policy are established at the local, state, and national levels of government (I, D, M)

- Understand the purpose and functions of law (I,D,M)
- Understand the processes by which public policy is formed and carried out concerning issues:
 - Local (I,D,M)
 - State (I,D,M)
 - National (I,D,M)
- Understand issues concerning the relationship between state and local governments and the national government (I, D, M)

12.5.7 (SCSD) Understand how various political systems throughout the world define the rights and responsibilities of the individual (I, D, M)

- Understand different political systems in the world
 - Ideologies (I,D,M)
 - Structure (I,D,M)
 - Institutions (I,D,M)
 - Processes (I,D,M)

- Political cultures (I,D,M)
- Understand the essential characteristics of governments (I,D,M)
 - Limited (I,D,M)
 - Unlimited (I,D,M)

12.5.8 (SCSD) Understand the role of the United States in current world affairs (I, D, M)

- Understand conditions, actions and motivations that contribute to conflict and cooperation within and among nations (I, D, M)
- Understand the significance of foreign policies and events in the United States” relations with the world (I, D, M)
- Understand the idea of national interest and how it is used as a criterion for shaping American foreign policy (I, D, M)
- Understand the effects that significant world political developments have on the United States (I, D, M)
- Understand the influence that American ideas about rights have had abroad and how other peoples’ ideas about rights have influenced Americans ((I, D, M)

