



2019-2020 COURSE SYLLABUS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Course description : The student government at John F. Kennedy High School is a team of students who coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate to organize school-wide and class activities for the purpose of improving student participation in school activities and school spirit. Committees within the class organize dances, rallies, spirit activities, team building, elections, clubs, and athletic ceremonies. Members of each class also work together to fundraise for class-specific activities such as Junior Prom and Senior Ball. Members of the class also are responsible for approving club fundraisers in weekly meetings.

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Google Classroom Code: 7ity44

Requirements

Students in the student government class are held to a higher academic and ethical standard than the rest of the student population at JFK. Those elected as officers of their classes are expected to maintain a weighted 2.8 grade point average (GPA). Students holding commissioner positions are also expected to maintain a weighted 2.8 GPA. Failing to achieve at the required GPA will result in suspension or removal from the class.

Attendance

All student officers and commissioners are expected to attend the zero period student government and leadership course consistently, as attendance is absolutely crucial to maintaining a successful class and conduct school events. As agreed to in the application to be in the class, students must have 90% attendance at the conclusion of each semester or they will receive a one-grade deduction.

Each time a student is tardy to class (arrives after 7:18), they will have 5 points deducted from their point bank, which determines their grade. A student with an attendance rate lower than 80% will be subject to removal from the class.

Grading Policy

Students will receive a point bank of 500 points to start our each semester—250 points will be designated for class participation and 250 will be designated for duties. Each time a student does not fulfill one of their designated duties, as listed on the job descriptions each of them receive at the beginning of the year, 15 points will be deducted from the grades. No make up work will be available as school events typically only occur once per year and there is no way to make them up. Other potential causes for point deductions include: non-dress up for spirit days (10 point deduction), disrespectful behavior toward campus staff that results in a referral or suspension by administration (25 point deduction), failure to assist in set-up or cleanup before or after school events, and tardies (5 points deducted each day); being punctual is a professional behavior, so failure to be professional will result in grade deduction. The grading scale will be as follows:

90-100%: A

80-89%: B

70-79%: C

60-69%: D

0-59%: F

Expenses

Students are expected to pay for two items during the course of the student government experience.

\$10 for a student government shirt

\$15 for the traditional 'winter dinner' in December



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Please return it to Mr. O'Flaherty

I have read and understand what is expected of me in Student Government.

Student name (please print): _____

Student signature: _____ date: _____

I have read and understand what is expected of my student in Student Government.

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

daytime phone: _____ evening phone: _____

Please contact me at Kenneth-oflaherty@scusd.edu with any questions.