



Course Title **Student Government**
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Course Description:

This class consists of those students who were elected into Student Body and Class offices. Classroom activities are designed to teach leadership skills, along with student government functions. Students have been placed in this course following student elections.

Course Goals & Objectives:

Student Government is an activity-oriented class designed to:

- train officers in the essentials of leadership and personal growth
- provide a leadership training situation in which students develop an appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of command, citizenship and government
- provide time to perform specific tasks associated with the responsibilities of the particular office of which they hold
- provide time to plan and implement student activities during the school year

Course Materials:

Planner, one box of Kleenex, one roll of paper towels

Classroom/Course Expectations:

An overall weighted grade point average of 3.0 for Student Body Officers and 2.8 for Class Officers must be maintained in order to stay in Student Government. If a student's GPA falls below the 2.8/3.0 level, the student may be removed from the class and placed in another elective.

- Officers duties are clearly outlined in the Student Government By-laws. All officers are responsible for knowing their duties.

Academic classes have priority over Student Government. If a student is having difficulty in another class, it is the responsibility of that student to inform the sponsor of the difficulty so that arrangements can be made.

Electronic Devices: Many students want to have the privilege of carrying electronic devices on campus. With that, privilege comes the responsibility of ensuring that those items are not used on campus during class or on a bus. If students are found listening to music or texting in class or otherwise not fully engaged in learning, the device will be confiscated. Misuse of electronic devices may result in disciplinary procedures in addition to the confiscation of the device. **Student officers are required to put their personal electronic device(s) in a wall-mounted holder and may only use with teacher permission. This does not include school issued iPads.**

ID Card: Student must have their I.D. card in their possession at all times while on campus or at any school activity for the safety and security of all students.

Grading:

Grades will be weighted in this way:

Leadership & Major Events.....	50%
Fine Arts and Athletic Reports.....	20%
Write - ups	10%
Final Exam	20%

- **Leadership** - This score is issued by the Student Government advisor. It is based on the officer's use of time, responsibility, organization, and over-all attitude towards classmates and advisor.
- **Major Events** - This includes but is not limited to Homecoming activities (float building, spirit week, assembly), dances, spirit weeks, and class night. Points for each event will be decided upon in class.
- **Fine Arts reports - 3 required each semester**-Consists of Deer Valley Fine Arts events such as choir, band or dance concerts, plays or musicals. CIT and Board Meetings, as well as awards ceremonies, can also be used as fine arts. **STUDENTS MAY ONLY WRITE UP TWO FINE ARTS REPORTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE FINE ARTS EVENT(S).** Reports must be submitted within two weeks of the event.
- **Athletic reports - 3 required each semester**-Consists of athletic events involving Deer Valley High School such as but not limited to football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, or soccer games and track meets. **ATHLETES MAY ONLY WRITE UP TWO ATHLETIC REPORTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORT(S).** Reports must be submitted within two weeks of the event. Students may not write up athletic events they are working at (such as Varsity football or basketball snack bars).
- **Write-ups** - A write-up on each event is due **one week** after the event is finished. If a write up is late, it will lose points per teacher discretion. Consult the write-up handout or prior year's write up for specific contents.

Grading Scale

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

Final course grades are computed as 80% equaling the coursework done throughout the semester and 20% equaling the final exam portion of the grade.

Attendance:

Due to nature of the course, daily attendance is imperative to the success of the class events. When a student officer is absent, another officer must complete his /her job duties. Please refrain from using the 4th hour class time for personal appointments. Students shall receive NO MORE THAN (11) total absences (excused and unexcused) per semester/per class, unless previously documented as a chronic medical issue. Students who accrue 12 absences will be notified in writing of Loss of Credit (LOC).

Make-up Policy:

- Late work - Late work will be docked points per teacher discretion.
- Make-up Policy - Students have one day per **excused absence** to make up work.

Students who have an **excused** absence have one day for each day absent to turn in missed work. Students who are marked unexcused will not receive credit for worked missed but will still receive feedback. See the student handbook for more information regarding excused and unexcused absences.

An assignment that is considered a long-term project is due on the due date and time as stated when the long-term project was assigned. Long-term projects may be turned in prior to the due date as well as parent/guardian may turn in at the front desk.

Additional Student Government Expectations**Each officer is expected to:**

- Attend all Student Govt events (i.e. dances, assemblies, assigned snack bars, lunch activities, blood drives).
- Stay for both lunches during a spirit week or other designated days with lunch time activities. Students may only be excused from lunch time activities by Student Govt advisor.
- Participate in all school spirit dress up days.
- Wear a spirit shirt every Friday (or the last day of the school week) throughout the school year unless their sports team is dressing otherwise for a game, match, or meet.
- Represent the school to their best potential (i.e. no fighting, drinking, involvement with drugs or school vandalism, or anything the entire current Student Government class deems unacceptable to the student body of Deer Valley High School).
- Follow all school rules as stated in the handbook.
- Attend class daily.
- Actively participate in ALL fundraisers.
- Protect the reputation of other members and the class.

WHAT IS SAID OR DONE IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT STAYS IN THE ROOM!

I have reviewed the entire syllabus. Moreover, I have read and understand the information pertaining to grades and expectations.

Student Signature/date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature/date _____

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