

High School Course Description for **SDC Principles of Democracy (POD)**

Course Title: SDC Principles of Democracy (POD)	Curricular Area: Social Studies/ Special Education
Course Number: 80600	Length: One semester
Grade Level: 12	Prerequisites: IEP Placement
Meets a UC a-g Requirement: No	Meets NCAA Requirement: No
Meets High School Graduation Requirement for: US Government / Social Studies	

Course Description

This course provides students in grade eleven with the context and support to pursue a deeper understanding of the institutions of American government. They compare systems of government in the world today and analyze the history and changing interpretations of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the current state of the legislative, executive, and judiciary branches of government. An emphasis is placed on analyzing the relationship among federal, state, and local governments, with particular attention paid to important historical documents such as the *Federalist Papers*. These standards represent the culmination of civic literacy as students prepare to vote, participate in community activities, and assume the responsibilities of citizenship.

Alignment

This course is aligned to the 1998 California Content Standards for *Grade Twelve: Principles of American Democracy*

Instructional Materials

Required Textbook(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AGS Unites States Government
Pearson AGS Globe
ISBN# 0-7854-2503-9 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Student Workbook
Pearson AGS Globe
ISBN# 0785425063 |
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Exit Criteria

Weighting of the Semester Grade: Based on the Board approved course of study, the student's semester grade in Principles of Democracy must be figured as follows:

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| • Assessments | 30% |
| • Performance Participation and Citizenship..... | 10% |
| • Homework..... | 20% |
| • Project (required) | 20% |
| • Final | <u>20%</u> |
| ➤ multiple choice portion of final (30% of 20% = 6%) | 6% |
| ➤ essay (40% of 20% = 8%)..... | 8% |
| ➤ oral presentation (30% of 20% = 6%)..... | 6% |
| | 100% |

Pacing Guide for SDC Principles of Democracy (POD)

First Quarter

Weeks: 1-3 or 4

Standards: 12.1, 12.4, 12.5, 12.7, 12.9, 12.10

Foundations of American Government/The Constitution/Federalism

Weeks: 4 or 5-7

Legislative Branch

Standards: 12.4, 12.5, 12.10

Weeks: 8-10

Standards: 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 12.10

Executive Branch

Second Quarter

Weeks: 1-4

Standards: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.10

Federal Courts/Civil Liberties/Due Process

Weeks: 5-7

Standards: 12.2, 12.2, 12.3, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8

Voters and Voting Behavior/Electoral Process/Political Parties/Mass Media and Public Opinion/Interest Groups

Weeks: 8-9

Standards: 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.10

State and Local Government