

Level	Specific Learning Target
	The student will be able to answer the question: What is politics?
4.0	Student demonstrated knowledge, inferences and/or applications above and beyond the required learning target.
3.5	The Student demonstrated knowledge, inferences and/or applications of required learning target with first best instructional practices.
3	No major errors or gaps in the following TARGETED, COMPLEX ideas and processes; Students demonstrate knowledge of all of the following:
	The student will apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate their own political beliefs and how they acquired them through the agents of political socialization.
	The student will apply, analyze and synthesize the concept of how interest groups function in our political system.
	The student will apply, analyze and synthesize the differing political philosophies of political figures in our political system.
	The student will apply, analyze, synthesize, evaluate and create their own political party based upon their own political philosophy.
	The student will apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate the political stances of candidates on current issues.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge of political party platforms and their function in our political system.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge of how interest groups function in our political system.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge of the concept of non partisan and its function in our political system.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge behind the two party system particularly the Democratic and Republican parties.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge behind the differing political philosophies at pivotal moments in our Nation's history.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge behind the moderate political philosophy in our political spectrum.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge behind the liberal philosophy in our political spectrum.
	The student will understand the basic knowledge behind the conservative philosophy in our political spectrum.
The student will understand the basic knowledge behind the controversy surrounding political issues & politics.	
2.5	The Student has demonstrated knowledge of 11 out of 14 learning targets.
2.0	The Student has demonstrated knowledge of 10 out of 14 learning targets.
1.5	The Student has demonstrated knowledge of 9 out of 14 learning targets.
1	The Student has demonstrated knowledge of less than 8 out of 14 learning targets.

Students will be able to make a standard presentation before or after school (see course description for appointments) to demonstrate that they have achieved proficiency to advance to the next level. If a student is going to demonstrate proficiency they must show that they have a deep understanding of the learning target by analyzing, synthesizing and/or evaluating the learning activities completed in the unit. If the student is able to demonstrate these higher order thinking skills to the satisfaction of the teacher they may be advanced to the next level.