**2019 Advanced Placement® U.S. Government & Politics**

**About the AP® U.S. Government & Politics Summer Institute**

This is an exciting time to be an AP U.S. Government and Politics teacher, whether new or experienced, as it is one of the most interesting, dynamic courses taught in high school. We will focus on the 5 Big Ideas of the redesigned course: Constitutional Democracy, Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, American Political Culture and Beliefs, Political Participation, and Interaction Among Branches, by reviewing essential content along with developing lesson plans that maximize student engagement. Emphasis will be placed on constructing formative and summative assessments that conform to the redesigned format. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to integrate the resources from the new digital AP dashboard into their lessons.

**Institute Goals:**

- Familiarize participants with the redesigned AP U.S. Government and Politics Course and the additional resources provided by the College Board, including the digital dashboard.
- Aid participants in preparing a new AP Government Audit.
- Review essential political skills and develop lesson plans which help students develop the necessary skills to be successful on the exam.
- Explore the 5 Big Ideas of the new course and construct activities which maximize student engagement with the material.
- Develop formative and summative assessments which measure student progress for the redesigned exam.

**Tentative Agenda:**

**Day One:** Overview of Redesign and Preparing a New Syllabus  
**Topic Focus:** Constitutional Democracy

**Day Two:** Multiple Choice Strategies and Quantitative Analysis  
**Topic Focus:** Interaction among the Branches

**Day Three:** Writing Strategies for the Redesigned Exam  
**Topic Focus:** Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

**Day Four:** Review Strategies and Research Projects  
**Topic Focus:** Political Beliefs and Participation

**What to bring:**

Items you should bring during the week include:

- a laptop computer or tablet and storage device (Essential for sharing information!)
- a favorite lesson to share
- a copy of your school’s academic calendar
- a copy of the textbook you will be using next year
- comfortable clothes and shoes for walking in the summer heat
- a light sweatshirt or sweater in case you get chilly in the AC

**Instructor:**

Suzanne Bailey has been teaching AP U.S. Government since 1989. She currently teaches AP U.S. and Comparative Government and Politics as well as AP Micro and Macroeconomics at Virgil Grissom High School in Huntsville, Alabama. For each of the past three years Ms. Bailey has led the state of Alabama in the number of students taking the AP Government national exam. Her open enrollment policy, coupled with her teaching strategies, has enabled many students to have the opportunity to be successful in a rigorous college-level class. As a Lead Teacher for the Alabama A+ College Ready Program, Ms. Bailey is currently engaged in expanding AP Government courses for teachers and students across the state of Alabama in partnership with the Alabama Department of Education and a number of humanities and civics-related organizations. She conducts AP Government teacher training as well as presenting Saturday review sessions for AP Government students. In addition, Ms. Bailey served on the Test Development Committee for AP Comparative Government and Politics from 2006 until 2014. As the College Board Advisor for Comparative, she edited two AP Workshop Curriculum Modules and made presentations at the National AP, NCSS, and APSA Teaching and Learning Conferences. Ms. Bailey has participated in the AP Government Reading since 2000 as a Reader and Table Leader and has served as a Question Leader for AP Comparative Government and Politics since 2007. A Huntsville City Schools
Secondary Teacher of the Year, she earned her National Board Certification in Secondary Social Studies in 2004 and renewed it in 2014.

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