

West Springfield High School 2025 - 2026

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 - **The Social Studies 4 curriculum (CT) leaders are:**
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AP US Government	Dual Enrollment US Government	Honors US/VA Government	Regular US/VA Government
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rigorous (<i>college level paced class</i>) ● Have taken at least one Social Studies Honors Class ● Study skills for closed note unit tests - A/B grade in Writing, Content Application, and Content Comprehension Skills ● Student led simulations and debate ● Consistent work completion ● GPA bump +1 ● 3 possible credits (1 AP exam) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advanced (<i>community college level paced class</i>) ● Have taken at least one Social Studies Honors Class - A/B grade in Writing, Content Application, and Content Comprehension Skills ● History of consistent work completion ● Research based writing assessments ● GPA bump +1 ● 3 NVCC credits (No AP Exam) ● Use of NVCC grading policies to calculate college credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slower pacing like regular government, has higher grading expectations - A/B/C grade in Writing, Content Application, and Content Comprehension Skills ● Preferred consistent work completion ● Current events discussions ● Unit based projects (group & individual) ● 0.5 GPA bump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slower pacing, similar to Honors Gov - At least a D grade in Writing, Content Application, and Content Comprehension Skills ● Preferred consistent work completion ● Current events discussions ● Unit based projects (group & individual)