

**District of Columbia History and Government**  
**Course Syllabus**  
**(SY 20009 – 2010)**

**Instructor:** Alice Chandler

**Credit:** ½ Carnegie Unit (graduation requirement)

**Course Description:** This course covers the origins of the District of Columbia from 1600 through present day events. Students will be able to identify the elected representatives and city services available for each of them. (Non-residents will use the school's address to complete this aspect of the course).

**Content Standards:**

- Early Settlement and Geography
- A New National Capital and A new City
- Slavery, War, and Emancipation
- Reconstruction Period
- Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Century Expansion and urban Challenges
- Civil Rights and Home-Rule Victories
- Addressing Opportunities and Problems Under Home Rule
- District Government

**Materials:**

A notebook that allows easy removal of pages; black or blue ink pen,

**Text:**

City of Magnificent Intentions (2000), Keith Melder, editor

**Course Requirement:**

Preparation of standards related assignments

Weekly reflection of one city related current event

End of Course (EOC) five-page paper

Note: A class related BLOG is available for students. A maximum of four per advisory will receive 25 extra credit points for each BLOG.

**Attendance Policy:** See Ellington's Community Handbook

**Grading :** A point system is used per advisory

You will add a zero to the end of the regular scoring system (example:

100 – 94 = A; 1000 – 940 points = A)

A weekly overview of the class is found at Penpuhr.com.

The e-mail contact is [alice.chandler@dc.gov](mailto:alice.chandler@dc.gov) .

First semester grades can be viewed at anytime at Engrade.com (students have been given an access code). Semester 2 is subject to electronic grade book changes.

Home phone: (202) 399-8446; a home fax is also available.

