



WELCOME TO JUNIOR HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES!

Sixth Grade will be studying Geography & Cultures of the World; 7th Grade will be studying Texas History and 8th Grade will be studying U.S. History through Reconstruction after the Civil War.

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E-mail is the best way to contact me if you have a question. Emails will be answered during my conference period (12:50-1:30).

Questions emailed or sent through Google Classroom after 4 p.m. will be answered at my earliest convenience.



Class Materials



- ☐ 2½" binder (durable please)
- ☐ 5 dividers
- ☐ Blue or black pens or pencils
- ☐ Red pen for corrections

Colored pencils, markers, glue and scissors are used quite often. Students may want a set to travel with them.



Grading Policy

The expectation is that you submit all assignments on time. While I do accept late assignments, the assignment should be turned in within one or two days. The assignment is considered missing and will be entered as a M in the gradebook (M averages as a zero). After two days, the paper will only be accepted as a redo assignment, and you may redo the paper according to the redo policy.

Hall Passes

Students are required to be in the classroom from bell to bell. Being in the classroom is the only way that learning can take place; therefore, students will not be allowed to go back to their lockers, take restroom breaks, or go to another teacher's classroom without a teacher issued Hall Pass.

SIX PASSES will be issued per semester, but when they are gone -- they are gone!

Unused passes can be cashed in as **BONUS POINTS** on Semester Exams.

REDO POLICY

Students may redo assignments if they scored below a 70. Students have **THREE (3)** days from the date it is returned to turn in the corrected assignment. It is up to the **STUDENT** to follow the procedures for redoing assignments.

- Redo Assignments may be as simple as correcting daily work and returning to Mrs. A. Smith by the designated date.
- Other assignments may result in an alternate assignment being given to redo the grade.
- Tests will be re-taken or corrected as determined by Mrs. Smith.

If a student chooses to correct their work, **the highest possible grade for the redo is 70%.**

Should a student choose NOT to redo a paper or test, or if they miss the deadline, the original grade will stay as is in the gradebook.

REDO GUIDELINES

Responsibility for redoing papers **CORRECTLY** and **ON TIME** lies with each student. **Not following proper procedure will result in the grade not being changed.**

- All original answers must remain -- **DO NOT ERASE** the original answers.
 - ◆ Corrections on digital assignments will be made by inserting text boxes and using the **RED PEN** in the Kami App.
- Corrections **MUST** be done in **RED**!
- Corrected papers must be legible. If necessary use a separate sheet to make corrections and attach it to the original assignment.

If these guidelines are not followed the paper will not be re-graded.

Make-Up Work.....

If you are absent, it is **YOUR** responsibility to follow proper procedures to ensure that you complete your work and turn it in on time.

ALL students, will have THREE days from the day they return to school to complete all make up assignments. Any work not turned in at the end of that time period will be considered missing and marked accordingly in the gradebook. At that point, the assignment will fall under the Redo Policy. If the work is not completed at the end of that three day period, the grade will remain a zero in the grade book.

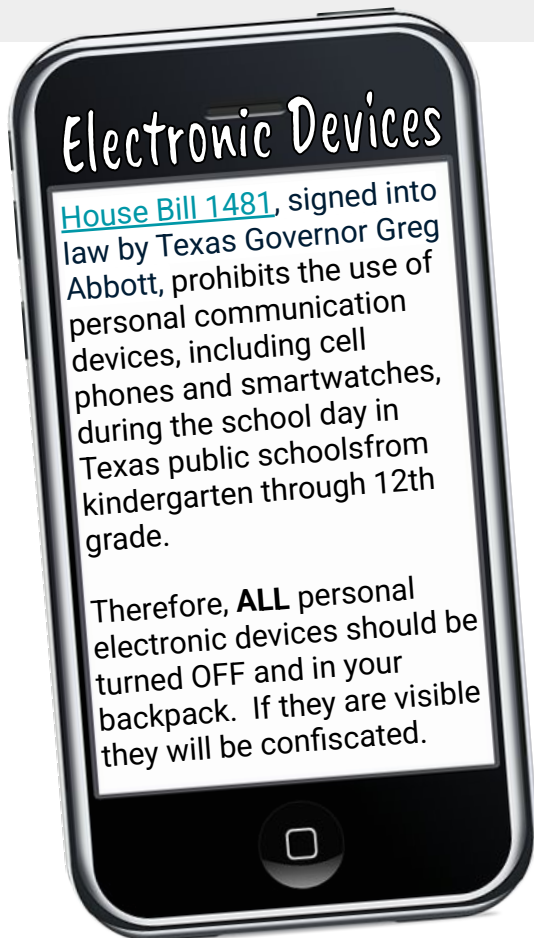
This is in accordance with policy outlined in the HS Handbook.

School Related Absences.....

If a student is absent from class due to either athletics or a school related activity, that student is expected to adhere to the following procedures:

1. The student should check with the teacher prior to the expected absence to see what will be missed while they are gone.
2. The student should turn in any work due on the day of the expected absence prior to leaving school the day before, or the morning of, their event.
3. If the student is missing a quiz or test on the day of the expected absence, that student should be prepared to take the quiz or test upon their return to school.

Any assignments missed will be available for students to pick up upon their return to school.



Chromebooks

ALL students will be utilizing Chromebooks in the classroom this year.

Students will be assigned a specific Chromebook that will be used in our classroom. Students will be responsible for making sure it is back in the charging station at the end of each use, and that headphones are stored appropriately.

Absolutely NO wireless earbuds will be allowed.

Other Classroom Policies....

Respect	1	* There are appropriate times to speak; choose your times wisely! * Please be respectful to everyone (teacher, classmates, self) and our classroom environment. * During class discussions be engaged -- actively listen when others are speaking and participate in discussions in a respectful manner. * Follow directions the first time they are given.
Responsibility	2	* Arrive on time and come to class prepared with your materials and a positive attitude. * If you are late, you will be marked tardy and consequences of the school's tardy policy will be in effect. * Begin work on your Bellringer as soon as you have your materials prepared for class. * Restroom breaks need to occur during your transition period between classes.
Respect	3	* Please keep your head off of your desk AT ALL TIMES. * Sitting up tells your brain it is time to learn. * Non-compliance and/or sleeping in class will result in After School Detention (ASD).
Responsibility	4	* Clean up after yourself. * If you drop it - pick it up! If you get materials out - put them back where they belong! * If you have trash put it in the TRASH CAN not in the desk, on the cabinet or on the floor. * Please dress according to the school's dress code policy. * No personal grooming in the classroom -- take care of hair, make up, etc. between classes.
Respect	5	* Our High School Handbook states that there is to be NO FOOD or DRINK outside of the cafeteria. The exception is WATER! * You may have a CLEAR water bottle with you throughout the day. * Please do not have any food or drink (other than water) in the classroom that has not been provided for you by your teacher with permission from the administration of our school.
Success	6	By following the above stated classroom and school policies we should have a successful and enjoyable school year. Remember, it is not my (or any other teacher's) intent to see you FAIL, but instead to see you SUCCEED!!

Daily Classroom Expectations

Each day you will need to bring your:

- ❖ Social Studies Binder
- ❖ Library Book
- ❖ Writing Utensils

As you enter the classroom each day you are expected to:

- ❖ Get all materials from your backpack and place your backpack **NEATLY** along the front wall.
 - This is an expectation; not a suggestion!
- ❖ Go directly to your desk and begin work on your Daily Bellringer.
 - **DO NOT** visit with your friends or wander around the classroom.
- ❖ Follow procedures outlined on the **DAILY AGENDA** for that day's work.
- ❖ **DO NOT** pack up prior to me telling you to get your backpacks.
- ❖ **DO NOT ASK ME IF YOU CAN PACK UP!**
- ❖ Mrs. Smith will dismiss class. **NOT THE BELL!**