



## 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 (2:31-3:20). Students can also ask questions on lessons by leaving a private comment in Google Classroom. Questions emailed or posted in Google Classroom after 4 p.m. will be addressed the following day during my conference.



### Class Materials



- 2½" binder (durable please)
- 5 dividers
- Blue or black pens or pencils
- Red pen for corrections
- Earbuds for Chromebook (no wireless headphones)

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. I do accept late assignments, and it's better to lose points than to take a zero.

There is a ten point deduction for each day an assignment is late, up to three days. After three days, it is given a zero and the you may redo the paper according to the redo policy.

This policy applies to in-person and remote learners.

### REDO POLICY

Students may **redo assignments** if they scored **below a 70**. Students have **THREE (3)** days from the date it is returned to redo the 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 before or after school, unless otherwise designated by Mrs. Smith.

If a student corrects 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.
  - ◆ Remote learners will make corrections by inserting text boxes, creating a document with new answers or using the **RED PEN** in the Kami App.
- Corrections (in-person and remote) must be done in **RED!**
- Corrected papers must be legible. If necessary use a separate sheet/document to make corrections and attach it to the original assignment.

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

## 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.

# 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, even in-person learners, have access to Google Classroom and all assignments regardless of attendance. Therefore, you will be expected to keep up with missed work during absences. **This very important this year because of the District's Three Day Rule on make-up work.**

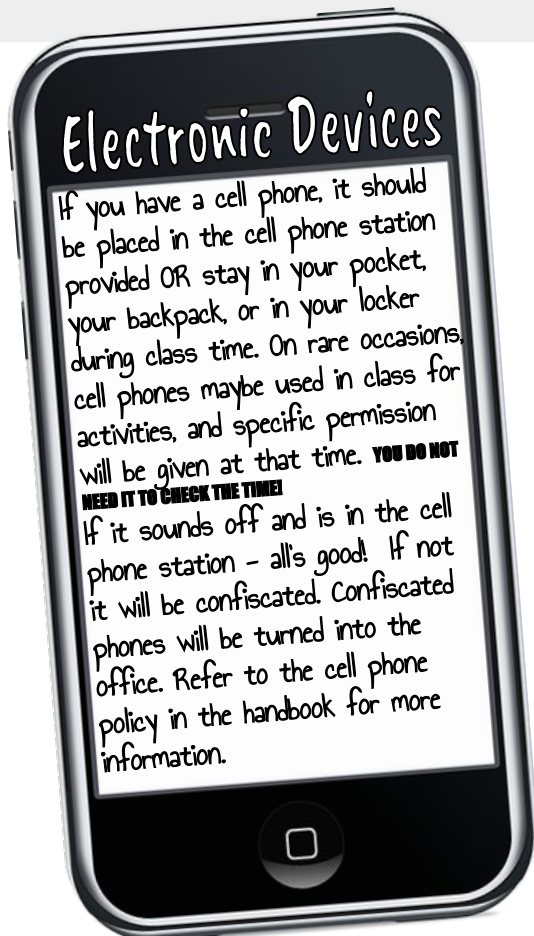
This is in accordance with page 14 in the HS Handbook.

# 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. (There will also be a weekly agenda posted on our class website.)
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 within 24-hours of the due date.

Any assignments missed will be available in Google Classroom as digital assignments and should be completed and turned in on time.



# Chromebooks

**ALL** students will be utilizing Chromebooks this year. **You need to make sure your Chromebook is charged and ready each morning!**

Remote learners will be using them exclusively, while in-person learners will utilize a combination of paper and digital materials.

**This allows for easy transition should the need for at home instruction become necessary. Example: if you are home sick for ANY reason you may want to stay current with work because of the District's Three Day Rule with make up work.**

# Other Classroom Policies

Respect **1**

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.

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.

Respect **3**

Do not interrupt valuable instruction time to ask to go to the restroom. Please wait for an appropriate time, or better yet - use your transition time for restroom breaks.

\* You have six hall passes per semester; use them wisely. (these are for restroom and lockers)

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 the in the desk, on the cabinet or on the floor.

\* We have custodians who keep our school clean, but it is not our job to make their job harder!

Respect **5**

Our High School Handbook states that there is to be NO FOOD or DRINK outside of the cafeteria.

Please do not have any food or drink 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:

- ❖ Chromebook (charged and ready to work)
- ❖ Social Studies Binder
- ❖ Library Book

As you enter the classroom each day:

- ❖ Get all materials from your backpack and place your backpack **NEATLY** along the front wall.
- ❖ Log in to your Chromebook and Google Classroom
- ❖ Once you are logged in, open your DAILY AGENDA and begin work on your Bell Ringer Assignment.
  - Be sure to submit your Bell Ringer
- ❖ Follow procedures outlined on the DAILY AGENDA for that day's work.
- ❖ There will be a "End of Class" timer -- **do not pack up prior to this notification. DO NOT ASK ME IF YOU CAN PACK UP!**
- ❖ Mrs. Smith will dismiss class. NOT THE BELL!