

2019-2020 Syllabus

7th Grade Social Studies

Mr. Haas

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to your student's 7th grade year! It is my goal to help each student achieve the skills he/she will need to be a success in high school and beyond. I believe that a working knowledge of Social Sciences creates an adult who is more in touch with his/her world. Political decisions, travel plans and understanding of the cultural and physical world around us are enhanced by the study of Social Sciences.

CURRICULUM: 7th Grade Social Studies keys on both geography and history and will examine several major themes throughout the year. Students will examine the world by analyzing the current and historical issues and problems that have shaped and continue to shape the world we live in. Topics to be covered include: immigration, cultural differences around the world and how democratic societies must balance the rights and responsibilities of individuals with the common good. We will also look at how people respond to and resolve conflicts in a variety of ways.

GRADING: The following grading scale will be used for test, quizzes, and research papers:

A-100-93; B-92-86; C-85-78; D-77-70; F-69 and below

HOMEWORK: If a student is absent from school it is their responsibility for turning in missing assignments. Students should look either online (I keep a running blog on Schoology of what we did in class and any homework assignments and due dates), or check the assignment work bins. Typed or handwritten only. No torn papers or sloppy work accepted.

SUPPLIES: Students are expected to have loose leaf notebook paper, pencils and pens. Students should also have a large folder with pockets is OK for all work. This may include dividers with tabs for notes, maps, vocabulary, homework/projects, reflections/current events. Students will also need a set of colored pencils, crayons or markers for some projects.

AVAILABILITY: I am available by phone at 708-233-4550. During the school day, the phones automatically go into voice mail, but I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. With all of our busy schedules, it is often difficult to reach one another by phone. Therefore, I would like to use email for non-emergency communication. I can be reached at ghaas@npd117.net. If you have access to an email account on a regular basis and would like to use this method of communication, add an email address to the attached sign-and-return slip.

I look forward to working with your 7th grader this school year!

I have read and understand the class outline, requirements and student expectations.

Parent signature

Student signature

Email address

Best phone number for contact
H (home) W (work) C (cell)