

Mr. Dodson's 8th Grade Mississippi Studies\World Geography Class

Curriculum

1st Semester- Mississippi history from the time MS was a territory to the state's present history

2nd Semester- Geographical skills and the geography of the world

Required Supplies (Please try to purchase by August 9th)

Pencils/pens

Loose leaf notebook paper

Binder (Please have a binder separate from other classes to stay organized)

Dividers

Folder

School-issued laptop **CHARGED DAILY** (Please pay the \$25 fee as soon as possible to receive.)

Wish List



General Rules

1. Have respect for yourself, other students, the classroom, the school building, and your teacher(s).
If you can do this one thing, all of the following will be natural for you to avoid having issues with.
2. Talking/whispering without permission is not acceptable.
3. Always listen, follow directions, and always stay on task.
4. No food, candy, or drinks. Water bottles with lids permitted.
5. Please be mindful of others and try to not cause classroom distractions\disruptions.
6. All instances of coming into the classroom late counts as a tardy. (except with teacher note)
7. Per district policy, all electronic devices are to be powered off and out of sight. There will be a numbered cell phone caddy if you would like to secure it there for the period. Other than that, it will need to be in your backpack. Smartwatches should only be used to check time.
8. Follow individual directions from teacher diligently. Insubordination will not be tolerated.
9. No drama/arguing with other students.
10. Leave problems from other classrooms out of this one. Once the door closes, all outside problems stay outside.
11. Cheating will not be permitted.
12. Sleeping will not be permitted.
13. Fighting is unacceptable and will result in intervention from administration with a discipline referral.
14. Horseplay or wild actions will not be permitted.
15. Packing up early results in unpacking and packing up late.
16. Skipping will not be permitted.

17. Bullying of any degree or form is not tolerated.
18. Although the bell may ring, I will be the one to dismiss you to leave the classroom.
19. Use common sense. Not all rules can be listed, but all can still be broken.

This may seem like a lot of rules, but I want to create a clear understanding of my expectations. But please keep in mind that we want this educational experience to be one that is rewarding. Your actions determine how great of results you receive.

Discipline Policy

- 1st offense: Warning
- 2nd offense: Lunch Detention
- 3rd offense: Lunch Detention/ Parent Contact
- 4th offense: Discipline Referral

*More serious offenses will result in skipping earlier steps on the discipline policy. These will automatically result in a discipline referral to administration.
Differing types of misbehavior still stack on the discipline policy.

Class Activities

- Bell work
- Notes/Lecture
- Note Checks
- Video Assignments
- Guided Readings
- Article Reviews
- Writing Prompts
- Tests/Various Projects

Grade Scale

A= 90-100 B= 80-89 C= 70-79 D= 65-69 F= 0-64

Grade Distribution

- Tests: 40%
- Classwork: 35%
- Homework: 15%
- Nine Weeks Test: 10%

Late Work

10 pts. deducted for each day an assignment is late

Makeup Work

For each day missed, you gain a day to complete the assignment you missed due to absence.
(Example: 3 days missed = assignment due in 3 days upon returning to school)

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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