

# 7th grade social studies

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## Course Overview

Welcome to a course that's 2 classes in one! Social Studies in 7<sup>th</sup> grade consists of **Civics** during the first semester (Quarters 1 and 2) and **Geography** during the second semester (Quarters 3 and 4).

In **Civics**, we will explore our governmental, legal, and economic systems in addition to current events to become informed, responsible citizens. During **Geography**, we will gain an understanding of the physical and cultural geography of the world.



## Class Website

Assignments and daily agendas will be available on **Schoology** and organized by weekly folders. Log on to [mcpss.schoology.com](http://mcpss.schoology.com) with your MCPSS username and password. If you are absent from class, please check the folder for that day BEFORE emailing or messaging me with questions.

## Electronic Devices



**CELL PHONES** will NOT be used at school. They must be powered off and put away. You are expected to bring your **Chromebook** and charger every day. Check the sign when entering class to see if we are starting with devices. Chromebooks are to be used for approved purposes only (and not for games, YouTube, and surfing unauthorized websites!). You may not take pictures, videos, or type in shared docs with others. You are expected to stay on task and complete any assignments during the class period they are assigned.



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## Remind & Social Media

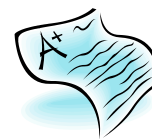


Sign up to get reminders & announcements from me using Remind. Go to [www.remind.com/join/remindVDB](http://www.remind.com/join/remindVDB) or text @remindVDB to the number 81010. If you do NOT want to be included in school newsletters, website, or social media posts, please inform me in writing.

## Supplies



- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Pencils or pens
- Binder (may be shared with another class)



## Grading

All your work in class will be assessed, but not everything will be given a grade in the gradebook. Please don't ask if an activity is for a grade...always give your best effort! Your final average each quarter will come from your grades in the following categories:  
**Major Grades (Tests/Projects): 60%**  
**Minor Grades (Classwork): 40%**  
Missing work due to absences will be coded as a "1" in the gradebook and may be made up in accordance with school policy. An assignment receiving a "0" cannot be made up.

# Tentative course overview

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## 1st Quarter

- Unit 1: Citizenship & civic engagement
- Unit 2: Types of government & foundations of U.S. government
- Unit 3: The U.S. Constitution
- Unit 4: The Bill of Rights & constitutional amendments
- Unit 5: Basics of criminal & civil law

# Civics



## 2nd Quarter

- Unit 6: U.S. (federal) government and its 3 branches
- Unit 7: Political parties, voting, and elections
- Unit 8: State and local government
- Unit 9: Economics and personal finance

## 3rd Quarter

- Unit 1: The World/Geography Introduction
- Unit 2: North America
- Unit 3: Central America
- Unit 4: South America
- Unit 5: Europe

## 4th Quarter

- Unit 6: Russia & Eurasia
- Unit 7: Sub-Saharan Africa
- Unit 8: Southwest Asia & North Africa
- Unit 9: South Asia
- Unit 10: East Asia
- Unit 11: Southeast Asia
- Unit 12: Australia, Pacific Realm, & Antarctica

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