**Coach McGregor and Coach Stamey**

**CIVICS/WORLD GEOGRAPHY RULES/GUIDELINES**

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

**CIVICS:** The government course provides students with a background in the philosophy, functions, and structure of the United States government. Students examine the philosophical foundations of the United States government and how that philosophy developed. Students also examine the structure and function of the United States government and its relationship to states and citizens.

**WORLD GEOGRAPHY:** The World Geography course will have students utilize physical and cultural perspectives to examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international levels. Students describe the influence of geography on the events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues.

**GRADING POLICIES:**

**A—90-100 POINTS B—80-89 C—70-79 F—69 OR BELOW**

**9 WEEKS GRADE:** During the course of a given nine weeks, there will be 7-9 tests, homework assignments, worksheets, quizzes, map projects, etc. You are encouraged to do your best and academic honesty is expected!

**TESTS:** Tests will normally occur after each chapter covered; **HOWEVER** tests dates will be posted and announced in class in advanced. **Missing a test Review does not excuse you from an assigned test. Missed Test** must be made-up three days from the date a student returns. **Missed Assignments from a chapter** example: (Homework or quizzes) **MUST BE MADE-UP BEFORE THE CHAPTER TEST.** In order to make-up late tests students must come to school before or after school and make-up the Quiz or Test in a single sitting. Make-up Quizzes or Test may or may not be the same as was given on the original test day.

**Homework and Daily Grades:** Grades will include such items as text assignments, skill assignments, cooperative learning group assignments, quizzes, media assignments and any other assigned work.

**NOTEBOOKS (1 - 1 1/2 INCH):** Students are required to keep a notebook of the nine weeks grading period consisting of all class notes and assignments. Your teacher reserves the right to conduct spot checks on your notebook for a daily grade. Also keep a highlighter in the notebook. Stay updated and get materials when assigned (random bonus points are awarded). Scantron tests must be taken with a number 2 pencil. **It is not up to your teacher to provide you with these basic materials!** Your personal notes taken in class may be written in any color you choose.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE:** Students are required:

1. Follow Classroom Rules
2. Bring Necessary Materials
3. Pay Attention
4. Show evidence of self-directed learning and submit work **ON TIME**
5. **Be nice and respectful to everyone, please!**

**ATTENDANCE:** Regular **DAILY** attendance is of the utmost importance to success in this course. Critical notes and information are given on a daily basis and it is impossible to function at your best if you do not attend class. **THE TEACHER WILL NOT PROVIDE MISSED NOTES!** Notes will be on civics200.wikispaces.com. Students may print them from there. Do not ask to go to the Media Center to print notes. Printing notes should be done before class. Valuable bonus points are given for class participation. AA absences **WILL NOT** be counted against a student but students are still required to make-up missing work. Extended illnesses or other exceptional cases will be dealt with on an individual basis.

**MAKE-UP POLICY:** All assignments are due on the assigned date in order to receive full credit. Students are expected to complete all assignments. If assigned twenty questions for homework, turning in 19 is not acceptable. Therefore complete all assignments on time in a neat manner.

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS AND RULES**

1. Students are expected to follow directions at all times.
2. If you have a question about a missed assignment, come before or after SCHOOL to ask questions.
3. Students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to ALL rules and regulations regarding classroom behavior as stated in the MCSD and SHAW Conduct Code booklets.
4. Students will be in their seats when the Bell Rings. Students will copy and answer the Bell ringer exercise that will be on the white board. These will be collected once a week and do count as a grade. Tardiness will result in detention.
5. Students will continue with their classroom activities when visitors/interruptions occur.
6. Students will follow rules of common courtesy during class, such as, raising your hand to be called on, respect fellow students, do not interrupt teacher/other students, etc.
7. Students are dismissed by the Teacher not the bell.
8. No eating/drinking or hats in the classroom.
9. No brushing hair/teeth, putting on make-up, lotion, or other forms of personal grooming in class.
10. Student are expected to bring their notebook, textbook, and writing materials to class everyday (no begging).
11. **Do not use your cell phone in class unless given permission.**

**DETENTION PROCEDURES:** If a student is given detention—Students will be given 24 hours’ notice to arrange transportation. Failure to stay for detention will be handled according to the Shaw Discipline guidelines (after missing the first detention day; the student is given two additional detention days. Failure to stay for either of those days and the student will be referred to the Assistant Principal in charge of Discipline. Detention is held in Room 221, 20 minutes before school (at 7:45) or 20 minutes after school starting at 3:30 P.M.

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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