

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**Department Vision:** The vision of the social studies department is one that fosters, for all students, the ability to understand their world and to have an appreciation for the heritage of America with a high degree of literacy in civics, history, economics, and geography, and behavioral sciences.

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### **Grading Policy:**

#### **Grades 7-12 Departmental Grading Policy:**

**Tests:** A minimum of three tests will be given each marking period. Each test will count as a separate unit.

**Quizzes:** A minimum of two quizzes will be given in order to be averaged and count as one unit per marking period.

**Homework/Classwork/ Participation:** Homework and classwork will be graded on a complete/incomplete basis. Homework and classwork averages shall be computed at the end of the marking period by calculating the percentage of assignments that were completed. Homework and classwork can be weighted corresponding to the amount of work that is required from the student.

**Special Projects:** At the teachers discretion, projects may be assigned at any time. Projects will count as a separate unit in the marking period average.

### **Marking Period Average:**

Tests (3)	Quiz (2)	HW/CW/P	Projects
1 unit each	1 unit (averaged)	1 unit	1 unit each

Courses:

**Regular Education Requirements:**

Grade 7	World Geography	Regular Ed., Honors, Inclusion
Grade 8	Civics/US History	Regular Ed, Honors, Inclusion
Grade 9	World History Cultures	Regular Ed, Honors, Inclusion
Grade 10	US History I	Regular Ed, Inclusion
Grade 11	US History II	Regular Ed, Inclusion

**Electives:**

Grade 11-12	Sociology	Regular Ed
Grade 11-12	International Affairs	Regular Ed

**AP Courses:**

Grade 10	AP US History I	Honors
Grade 11-12	AP US History II	Honors
Grade 11-12	AP US Government	Honors

**Department Announcements:**

February and March are designated as Black History month and Women in History month respectively. Teachers will supplement their lessons to better incorporate information that is pertinent to each of these important aspects of American history. Projects will be assigned in most social studies classes. You may contact your child's teacher for details.

Mid term projects are pretty much completed for all social studies classes. Remember that mid term projects now count as a full test grade in addition to your objective mid term test grade.

Students interested in joining a Model UN club can see either Mr. Albro or Charlie No for details. There will be a meeting next week on January 22<sup>nd</sup> after school in room 105.

**PARENTS!!!** Again, please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns via their email address or through the main office.

***Please contact Mr. Albro if you or your child would like to receive voter registration information or information on the Selective Service cards.***

**General Information:**

In order to vote, you must be a natural or naturalized citizen of the United States, and you must be at least 18 years old. Voter registration applications are available from Mr. Albro or in the vice principal's office.

All male students who are 18 or older must be registered with the selective service. Please see Mr. Albro or the vice Principal's office to register.