



Liberty Middle School

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7th Grade Geography

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Textbook Information	<i>National Geographic: World Cultures and Geography</i>
Course Description	9 Weeks Course In this course students will increase their knowledge about the physical and human nature of the world and about relationships between people and their environments. Students will study Earth as a physical object, and a place in which humans live. Students also study geography in the context of economics, civics and politics, history, and culture.
Course Objectives	During this course students will describe the world in spatial terms using maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies. Students will determine how regions are used to describe the organization of the Earth's surface. Students will compare geographic patterns of Earth's physical, cultural, and economic systems. Students will be able to organize geographic information using the five themes and six essential elements. Students will be able to respectfully engage critically and constructively in a dialogue of ideas through class discussion, small group assignments, and project based learning.
Course Outline	Unit 1: The World in Spatial Terms Unit 2: Physical Systems Unit 3: Human Systems Unit 4: Places and Regions Unit 5: Environment and Society Unit 6: Uses of Geography <i>*Subject to change</i>
Classroom Expectations	1. Come to class on time, prepared with all materials, and in your seat actively working. 2. Take notes from readings, lectures, and class discussions. 3. Participate actively in class discussions and activities. 4. Respect yourself, each other, the teacher, and our classroom. 5. Follow all procedures/policies as outlined in LMS and Madison City Handbook.
Progressive Discipline <i>(LMS Policy)</i>	Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral
Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i>	60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation) 70% = High School Credit Assessments 30% = High School Daily Grades Testing days = Tuesday/Thursday
Late Work Policy	Late work will be accepted for 1 letter deduction until the end of the unit. After the unit ends, late work

	<p>will be accepted for up to a 3 letter grade deduction until report cards for that 9 weeks are finalized. Projects turned in after the deadline, will receive a letter grade deduction per day late not to exceed 3 days.</p> <p>Late work will be graded once the student completes the Incomplete/Late work Google Form.</p>
Make-up Work/Test Policy	<p>Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests). Many times, missed quizzes and tests can be made up during school.</p>
Technology	<p>Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at individual discretion of the teacher.</p>
Accommodations	<p>Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents.</p>
Materials & Supplies	<p>Chromebook Spiral Notebook Colored Pencils/Markers Assorted Highlighters Sticky Notes Index Cards Pencils/Pens</p>
Homework	<p>Students are allotted time in class to complete assignments. In the event that a student is absent or does not finish during class time, they will need to complete the assignment for homework.</p>
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	<p><i>Please check the box located on the distribution list Google Form that you have read and understand the syllabus. You can locate this form on my LMS teacher page.</i></p>

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