

# **Social Studies with Mrs. Johnson**

## **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies & EHS US History**

**Welcome to Social Studies!!** I am looking forward to having a great year with you. I have several expectations and guidelines that I expect you to follow while you are in this class. By meeting these expectations, you will be able to get the most out of your learning experience and have a terrific time too.

### **SOCIAL STUDIES EXPECTATIONS**

**\*Treat others respectfully.** Be respectful of your peer's ideas and comments. Raise your hand to participate in discussions so everyone has a chance to voice their opinions without interruption. Use kind, encouraging words and comments. Do not touch other people or their belongings. Bullying will not be tolerated.

**\*Be on time for class.** Be in the classroom and in your seat when the bell rings. You will be counted tardy if you come into the classroom after the bell rings. If you expect to be a few seconds/minutes late, make sure that I know where you have been or that you come with a note from another teacher. Students who are tardy will serve detention time and/or be referred to the office.

**\*EHS Only:** *Excessive tardies and absences can affect whether students have to take semester finals and/or whether they receive class credit. (See Student Handbook)*

**\*Come to class prepared.** Bring your textbook, pencil, paper, assignments, and a good attitude. I prefer that assignments be completed in pencil or blue/black ink since this is easier for me to read. You will not be allowed to go to your locker to get materials that you forget. Take care of your bathroom breaks **before** class begins. Hall passes will be limited to emergency situations. You will have TWO FREE hall passes (at the teacher's discretion) each nine weeks with no penalty to go to the bathroom, locker or office. After the two free passes are used, you will have to serve detention time if you need to leave the classroom to take care of your business. You must have a hall pass before you leave class.

**\*Complete assignments on time.** Homework assignments will be due at the beginning of the hour. If it is not handed in at this time, 10% will be deducted from your final assignment grade. You will have one extra day to finish the assignment and turn it in. Failure to turn it in by the end of the next day will result in a zero on the assignment. You may have **only three late assignments per nine weeks that have 10% deducted from the grade.** The next three late assignments will have from 20 to 40% deducted from the grade. All other late assignments will be zeros. Excessive zeros and incomplete assignments that effect a student's average may result in detentions to make up the work.

**\*EMS Policy: NO food or drinks are permitted in the classroom.** Gum will be allowed at the discretion of the teacher, as long as it does not become a distraction or a mess.

**\*EHS Policy: Food or drinks in the classroom are allowed at the discretion of the teacher.** Be sure that the size, quantity and type of food and drink are appropriate. A faculty member must sign drinks that are not purchased at the school vending machines before they are opened. If food or drink becomes a distraction or if it causes messes, the teacher can ban food and drink in the classroom. See the Student Handbook for guidelines on food or drink.

**\*Follow guidelines in Student Handbook.**

- No cell phones or electronic equipment.

### **FAILURE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS**

If you fail to meet these expectations, there will be a consequence. Consequences will be decided on an individual basis to fit each specific situation and student. Some possible consequences may include:

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| *Points off late homework             | *Verbal reminders and warnings |
| *Detention                            | *Student/Teacher conference    |
| *Phone call or letter home to parents | *Parent/Teacher conference     |
| *Visit with the principal             |                                |



