Classroom Norms
Ask questions
Engage fully
Integrate new information
Open mind to diverse views
Utilize what you learn

Supplies Needed (8/24)
- Notebook
- Pencil or
- Blue/Black Pen
- Minds

*Adapted from AVID

Bathroom Policy
It is expected that each student manage his or her time wisely. As such, please use the restroom before or after class.

Consequences
1. Verbal Warning
2. Student Conference
3. Parent Contact
4. Parent Conference
*Referred to dean upon serious infraction

Why Study Geography?
According to the University of Mary Washington, 
“Geographers explore our world!”
It is crucial that you understand the world you live in to fully participate in it.

Content/Units Covered
1. The World
2. Physical Systems
3. Environment and Society
4. Population and Migration
5. Defining Culture
6. Religion
7. Political Systems
8. Conflict and Cooperation
9. Economic Systems
10. Economic Disparity
11. Regionalization/Globalization
12. Inquiry

World Geography
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Course Description
Geography concentrates on cultural, political, economic, and physical aspects of places across the globe. We learn how humans interact with their environment. And while maps are one tool that geographers use to study this interaction, geography itself is not the study of maps. (Adapted from U Mary Washington)

“Geography is a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change. It is dynamic and relevant.”
– Sir Michael Palin
Cell Phone Policy
It is not acceptable for students to use cell phones unless instructed by me for educational purposes. If a student is caught using cell phones for any other purpose, there will be consequences.*

*See Consequence list for more.

Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in a 0.

Bell Work
It is expected that you are in your seat when the bell rings, ready to work.

Make-up Work/Late Work Policy
YOU are responsible for completing and submitting all work in a timely manner. You are expected to make up assignments within a period of three days from the excused absence. A student who does not make up assigned work within this time will receive a grade of zero for the assignment.

Grades
60% Major – Tests & Projects
40% Minor – Quizzes, Other

Vision
To prepare you for college and careers outside of school.

Mission
To challenge you to become global citizens who think critically, collaborate, and communicate creatively.

Tardy Policy
It is expected that you arrive to class on time. Please refer to WHS handbook for the campus tardy policy details.

Grade Scale
A: 90-100
B: 80-89
C: 75-79
D: 70-74
F: Below 70