

Classroom Norms

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

**Adapted From AVID*

Supplies Needed

(8/24)

- Notebook
- Pencil or
- Blue/Black Pen
- Minds

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.

World Geography

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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

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.

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

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.

Grade Scale

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

Grades

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

Tardy Policy

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

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.