**Ms. Medina’s Social Studies Class Syllabus**

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**Required Materials:**

All students are required to have: loose leaf paper, supply of blue or black pens (ONLY), supply of #2 pencils, highlighter, (1) 2-pocket-**RED**-folder, (1) 3-Subject Spiral Notebook, index cards

*Recommended Materials:* USB Flashdrive, package of markers, crayons and/or colored pencils, glue stick, pencil sharpener w/ cover

*Special Requests*: Ream of printer paper, box of tissues and hand sanitizer are greatly appreciated

**Classroom Expectations**

1. Be On Time: Be in your seat before the bell rings – agendas filled in and bell ringers out. If you are late have a pass.
2. Be Prepared: Bring ALL necessary materials to class (i.e. pen, folder, homework, etc.). Write any posted homework/assignments in your agenda and look at your agenda daily. Do your homework. Review and study your notes daily, especially before a test or quiz.
3. Be Respectful: Treat others how you would like to be treated – Use respectful language/tone towards teachers and peers, raise your hand and wait to be called on to speak within the classroom, be quiet when others are talking, and work without disturbing others.
4. Be Here: Come to school – if you’re not here you can’t learn! Be an active learner – participate in class, follow directions the first time they are given, and always do the best you can!

**Classroom Rules**:

1. Come to class on time. Be seated and ready to work at the bell.
2. Begin Bell Ringer activity upon immediate arrival to class.
3. Raise your hand and wait for acknowledgement before speaking.
4. Remain in your assigned seat unless you have permission to get up.
5. Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself.
6. No candy, food, drinks, or chewing gum in class unless you have been given special permission.
7. Use polite speech and body language. Profanity is unacceptable.
8. Absolutely no bullying behavior is tolerated. ZERO TOLERANCE.
9. No cell phones or electronic devices will be permitted in class.
10. Follow teacher directions the FIRST time they are given.

**Consequences**:

First Offense: Verbal Warning

Second Offense: Time Out/Parent Contact

Third Offense: Detention/Parent Conference

Forth Offense: Administrative Referral

**Grading Policy:**

Bell Ringers: Each class will begin with a bell ringer activity to introduce/review classroom material. Bell ringers will be checked every other Friday for a quiz grade. Students are responsible for completing bell ringers and keeping them organized in the bell ringer section of their notebook.

Class Work: All class work should be in either the social studies notebook or folder, depending on the nature of the assignment. It is the student’s responsibility to make up any missed class work if absent. Late work will not be accepted.

Homework: Students will generally have homework 2 nights a week. Students should be spending 20-30 minutes on their homework, and when there is no written assignment should be reviewing their notes. Homework should be recorded daily in the student’s agenda. Homework is posted on the board daily and remains posted until the due date. Students will generally have two nights to complete homework assignments. It is important that homework assignments be completed and turned in on the day they are due. Late work will not be accepted.

If a student is absent on the day an assignment is due, it will be collected the day they return. It is the student’s responsibility to make up missed assignments – these assignments will be accepted according to the BCSB policy.

Homework is graded based on completion and effort. **Full Credit**-100%: Completed, good effort, and on time. **Half Credit**-50%: More than half complete but not finished/not enough effort. **No Credit**-0%: Incomplete/mostly incomplete, not turned in/lazy effort, or did not follow directions.

Tests/Quizzes & Projects: There will be a test following every unit and students will be provided with a study sessions to help them prepare. Tests are generally worth 100 points. Quizzes will be given throughout our units and are generally worth 25-50 points. Students will also be completing projects for some units and will be provided with rubric/project guidelines. All tests, quizzes, and projects will be announced.

Grades: Grades are based on total points earned. Numeric grades will be given for all assignments, however, in accordance with BCSB policy, the letter grade equivalents are: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (Below 60).

Plagiarism/Copying: Plagiarism, copying, and cheating will not be tolerated. Students may NOT copy other students’ homework. If this happens both students will receive a zero and a note will be sent home. If a student cheats on a quiz/test they will receive a zero and referral will be written. **Plagiarism** is the act of passing off another persons work as your own. When using the Internet for research students may NOT copy/paste information from websites. If a student plagiarizes they will receive a zero and a note will be sent home.

IF YOU NEED HELP…ASK! I will be available after school by appointment for extra help. If students stay after school, travel arrangements must be made prior to appointment. ☺

**Social Studies Course**

**Parent and Student Acknowledgement**

**Please read and sign below indicating your agreement with the syllabus:**

I have read the class syllabus thoroughly, and I understand it to be a contract for my year in Ms. Medina’s class. I understand the expectations that she has for me, behavior-wise and academically.

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Student Signature Date

I have read the class syllabus thoroughly, and I understand it to be a contract for my son or daughter’s year in Ms. Medina’s class. I understand the expectations that she has for my child’s behavior and academic performance.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Parent/Guardian Information**

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Please note any additional information I should know about your child for example, allergies, medical conditions etc.

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Please return to Ms. Medina within 2 days of receipt.

**This will count as a homework grade**.