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**U.S. History**

**Course Statement**

The study of our history has never been more important. This course will help students understand the intentions of the “Founders” as they wrote the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, developed federalism and expanded the Union. You will also learn about the struggles with slavery and the Civil War.

***I encourage you to read and keep this document for future reference.***

**Classroom Policy and Procedure**

**Missing Assignments:** Students are required to make up all work missed during the time of absence. It is the responsibility of the student to find out what was missed. A daily record of all assignments and tests is posted in the room at all times.

**If the work was assigned before the absence, it is due upon the student’s return to class.** If the student is absent when the assignment is given, he/she will have the same amount of time as the rest of the students to complete it (1 class period).

**School Activities:** When students miss class to participate in school activities they are not marked absent. Therefore, the rules for missing assignments above **do not apply!** They are required to turn in on time any assignment due that day. Also, they will be expected to find out what was missed in order to be prepared the following class period as well.

**Homework:** The homework for this class is meaningful and important. To earn credit it must be turned on time unless arrangements have been made with the teacher. Partial credit cannot be earned because **late work is not accepted.**

**Preparation:** Each student is expected to come to class prepared for that period. Cell phones, iPods, food and drink are not permitted in the classroom. Students who abuse this policy are in danger of having these things confiscated.

**Cheating:** Cheating on homework and tests is unethical and will result in a zero on that assignment or test. The student will not be allowed to make it up. If you have a question about what constitutes cheating please see the teacher.

**Attendance:** Each student is expected to come to class every day (with the exception of medical problems). If an individual has an attendance problem it is unreasonable to believe it will not affect his/her grade. Also, if you do not come to class it is your responsibility to get caught up, not that of the teacher. The teacher cannot be expected to teach students when they are not in class.

**Tardiness:** Students are expected to be in their seats when the tardy bell rings. Coming late to class **will not be tolerated.** If you have problems see the teacher in advance or bring a note from a staff member. The following consequences will be applied for tardies:

**1st tardy.................a verbal warning from the teacher.**

**2nd tardy...............a five page hand written report as assigned by the teacher.**

**3rd tardy................a seven page report and an "N" for citizenship.**

**4th tardy................a ten page report, "U" for citizenship and parent conference.**

**Discipline:** You are responsible for your own behavior and will be accountable for your actions. You will be expected to follow the directions of the teacher at all times. Arguing, profanity and any other disruptions will be handled according to school policies. If you have a personal concern it should be discussed with the teacher in private rather than in front of the class.

**Grading Policy:** Academic grades are figured as a percentage of the total points of the term. Tests and quizzes are **75%** of the grade while homework is **25%.** The following scale will be used to determine final grades each term:

**95-100%...........A 80-82%............B- 63-66%.............D+**

**90-94%.............A- 75-79%............C+ 59-62%.............D**

**87-89%.............B+ 71-74%............C 55-58%.............D-**

**83-86%.............B 67-70%............C- Below 55%.......F**

The teacher realizes that flexibility may be necessary at times and reserves the right to adjust this policy according to the needs of each class. **At the end of each term grades are non-negotiable and will not be adjusted to cater to parental or student requests.**

**Tests and Quizzes:** It is important to note that test and quiz retakes **are not permitted**. Therefore, each student is responsible to prepare and study in advance. The students will always be informed about what they need to review for a quiz or test in advance.

During the term 8-12 reading quizzes ( 5 to 10 points each) will be given. These are oral quizzes from assigned readings.

There will be 2 to 3 major tests each term. They will be based on the readings and notes provided in class. When absent it is the student’s responsibility to get the notes he/she missed.

**If a student is absent the day of a test it will be made up by the next class period (unless prior arrangements have been made). For example, if you miss on a Tuesday you will take the test Thursday when you come to class.**

**Extra Credit:** Extra points will be made available at the discretion of the teacher. Special deals will not be made with individuals to raise their grades. Any extra credit will be made available to all students.

Please keep this document. Sign and return the attached form indicating that you have read and understand these policies. **Thanks!**