**Mr. Buggy’s Global Studies Class**

Global Studies Course Description

Global Studies is a course focusing on current topics affecting United States' interest across the world. We will examine concepts such as terrorism, economic collapse, genocide, drug trafficking, and the peace process. Although this class is a requirement, it will be more than content: it prepares you to become a more informed citizen.

Course Objectives

1. Know the reasons for U.S. involvement in foreign matters.
2. Define the problems surrounding current global conditions.
3. Explain the future role of U.S. foreign policy.

Academic Honesty Policy

I have a very simple and very harsh policy: if you plagiarize, as broadly defined in the Student Handbook, I will fail you for the class. Period. Should you ever consider making such a mistake, please weigh its benefits against the certainty of obtaining an “F” for this course and a permanent record of your blunder in your school record. There will be times when you will take ideas from other sources. If that’s the case, just cite the passage. I will be teaching you to properly cite sources later in the year.

Special Accommodation

If you require an accommodation based on disability or any other reason, please see me as soon as possible to work out arrangements.

**Expectations and Rules**

1. **RESPECT**: This is a priority. You are expected to respect other students, the teacher, student property, and school property!
2. **PARTICIPATION**: Your participation is essential in this class. It shows ***EFFORT***. However, you must raise your hand. The only time hands do not need to be raised to speak is during group work or otherwise directed.
3. **SEATS**: You will have assigned seats. You may ask permission to leave your desk by raising your hand.
4. **HOMEWORK**: Homework assignments are important for your success. It shows that you understand the material and that you are making an effort to do the work. Any homework will be due the next day unless otherwise directed.
5. **PREPARED FOR CLASS**: You **WILL** bring **ALL** materials to class! This includes textbooks, notebooks, assignments, and writing implements.
6. **RESTROOM**: You may sign out to use the restroom during the first and last five minutes of class. Of course, you may sign out if it is an emergency, but please try to wait for a time that does not interrupt the class.
7. **CELL** **PHONES**, **IPODS**, **FOOD**, **GUM**, **SODA**… are all ***PROHIBITED*** in the classroom.
8. **EXTRA ASSISTANCE**: Extra help is ALWAYS available. Before, during, and after school I am in my room. I have my resource period 11th period so feel free to stop on by. There will be times when I will be unavailable, especially during football season so, try to make an appointment with me to work something out.
9. **ATTENDENCE**: Poor attendance makes it hard for you to be successful in my class. Because, I mean, if you are not in the classroom actively engaged how will be able to understand the material to make yourself a more informed thinker?

1. **ENJOYMENT**: I hope you find this course fun and enjoyable as I will. I mean we are allowed to have fun in school and stay on task at the same time (a concept a lot of people find hard to believe). Hopefully, this will be a good year for all of us.

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