**Seventh Grade Social Studies Syllabus**

**2013-2014**

**Mr. Brett Miller**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Seventh grade students study Africa and Asia. The goal of this course is to acquaint students with the world they live in. The geography domain includes both physical and human geography. The intent of the geography domain is for students to begin to grasp the importance geography plays in their everyday lives. The government/civics domain focuses on selected types of government found in various areas in order to help students begin to understand the variety of governments in the world. The economics domain focuses on how other countries answer the basic questions of economics, and the history domain focuses primarily on significant events in each region from the 20th and 21st centuries.

**TEXTBOOKS**

Carol Marsh: *7th Grade Social Studies: Africa, SW Asia (Middle East) southern and Eastern*

*Asia.*

American Book Company: *Mastering the Georgia 7th Grade CRCT in Social Studies.*

**LEARNING RESOURCES**

**Study Island:** A research/web based program designed to provide supplemental instruction and practice on the elements of the social studies Georgia Performance Standards. Students are exposed to Study Island in the classroom on a weekly basis; however, Study Island may be accessed from home by the following link: <http://www.studyisland.com>.

**EXPECTATIONS**

1. Be respectful of the teacher and other students at all times.

2. Follow directions the first time they are given and stay on task.

3. Bring all materials to class. This includes- pencil, paper, agenda, AR book, and homework (when given) every day.

4. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.

5. Be in your assigned seat at the designated time.

**SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST**

 Pencil Paper

Glue 3-Ring Binder

Colored Pencils Divider

Glue Flash Drive

Scissors

 **GRADING POLICY**

Summative Assessment 40%

Formative Assessment 60%

**MAKE-UP WORK**

When a student is absent, it is his-her responsibility to find out what assignments were missed. Missed tests and quizzes must be scheduled with the teacher. Students have 3 school days to make up work missed due to an absence.

**LATE WORK**

Assignments turned in late will be graded with 10 points deducted, for each day late, from grade earned. If assigned work is late 5 or more days, after-school detention will be scheduled so that the student may make up the work. If work is still incomplete, an office referral will be made and a 0 will be placed in the grade book

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child’s educational career. At any time throughout the year you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at carriestephens@pickens.k12.ga.us, rhondashaddix@pickens.k12.ga.us, rebeccaholan@pickens.k12.ga.us, brettmiller@pickens.k12.ga.us

Thank you for taking the time to review the syllabus. Please realize it is subject to change based on the needs of our students. Please sign below indicating that you have read and discussed this syllabus with your child. Please keep the syllabus in your Social Studies notebook.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

7th Grade Teachers

**After reviewing the 7th Grade Social Studies Syllabus, sign below and return. The syllabus should be kept in your binder.**

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