

Eighth Grade Social Studies
Mrs. Buck - (252) 789-1010 - Room 211
Fall 2019

Welcome to Social Studies! In eighth grade, students will continue to build upon historical foundations and democratic principles of our state and nation that were introduced in fourth and fifth grades. The main focus of the course will be the critical events, personalities, issues, and developments in the state and nation from the Revolutionary Era to contemporary times. Please read through the syllabus below, as it will give a detailed breakdown of classroom rules and procedures, late work/cell phone/tardy policy, and classroom codes that will be helpful throughout the semester.

Classroom Rules

1. **Be Prepared!** - Students are expected to come to class ready and prepared to learn. That includes all necessary supplies/materials, assignments, and a **CHARGED** laptop.
2. **Be Attentive!** - During class, students are expected to be engaged and actively participating. Students should not be engaging in conversations outside of class/group discussion and should not be on websites that are not relevant to assignments.
3. **Be Respectful!** - Students are expected to be kind and courteous to their teacher, classmates and any guests in the classroom at all times.
4. **Be On Time!** - Students are expected to be ON TIME to class. Please note that the Bear Grass Charter School tardy policy will be enforced.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones should be turned OFF and placed in their designated cubby at the beginning of class. Students are NOT allowed to be on their cell phones during class time.

Class Materials

Students will need the following materials:

1. Pencils (Please be sure to bring any needed lead/erasers with you)
2. Highlighters
3. Crayons
4. 1 ½ Inch Binder
5. 5 Tab Dividers
6. Scissors and Glue Sticks
7. Colored Ink Pens
8. Hand Held 3-Hole Punch

Late Work Policy

If an assignment is turned in after the due date, there will be a 5 point deduction for each day that the assignment is late. **Once we have gone over an assignment together in class, it can no longer be turned in for credit**, as students will have been given the correct answers.

Cheating

Cheating on tests, projects, classwork, or homework assignments will not be tolerated. If students are caught cheating, they will receive a grade of "0" for the assignment. Repeat offenses will be reported to administration.

Final Exam

Students will take a state mandated North Carolina Final Exam (NCFE) at the end of the course.

Curriculum

[North Carolina Essential Standards for 8th Grade Social Studies](#)

[Common Core Standards for Middle School Social Studies](#)

Grade Breakdown

Student grades will be determined based on the following percentage breakdown:

Classwork - 40%

Tests - 35%

Quizzes/ Data Notebook Checks - 15%

Homework - 10%

Class Codes

Schoology - Code for each block will be posted on the whiteboard in the classroom.

Remind - @bgcs1234

Quizlet - <https://quizlet.com/join/ZjPsAFWWh>

Please sign and return to class for a homework grade.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____