

Welcome to Mrs. Esquivel's Social Studies Class!

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After reading through this information, please sign and have your parent/guardian sign it as well. Then return ONLY the bottom signed portion to me and keep the rest of the agreement at home. It is your first homework assignment and is due by FRIDAY.

Rights and Responsibilities

1. Students have the RIGHT to be safe; therefore, they have the RESPONSIBILITY to act peacefully and to avoid threatening, teasing, or hurting others.
2. Students have the RIGHT to learn; therefore, they have the RESPONSIBILITY to be on time for class, listen attentively, and to work and move about the school without disturbing others.
3. Students have the RIGHT to be respected; therefore, they have the RESPONSIBILITY to respect the property of others and accept their right to privacy.

Responsible Action Statements for self-responsible, self-disciplined, and self-motivated students

Mistakes are permitted here.

Your behavior equals a choice.

Speak up for yourself.

Every problem is an opportunity.

Level of risk is your choice.

Finding solutions is the focus.

Entering and Exiting the Classroom

Please line up in a single file line against the lockers outside of my room and wait for the students from the prior class to exit. Then you may enter quietly, find your seat, and prepare for class. At the end of class, please wait for the teacher to dismiss you before starting to pack up your books and heading toward the door.

Leaving the classroom is a privilege. If you need to leave for any reason (bathroom, water, nurse, etc.) please ask first. You must sign out before leaving the classroom for safety reasons. You cannot leave during the first 5 or last 5 minutes of class (instructions, wrap-up, etc.).

Participation

I expect every student to participate in class. It is important for you to add to the discussions and contribute to group work. Participation also includes being prepared and organized for class.

There will be assigned seats which will change throughout the year. When you work with a partner or in groups, you may or may not be able to choose your group. Everyone needs to learn how to work and cooperate with a wide variety of people. It's a life skill!

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Assignments and Assessments

Homework will not be assigned every night. Often students will work on assignments in class that will be graded. Late homework (not handed in during class on the day that it is due) cannot receive better than 50% of the original full credit if turned in on the following school day. If homework is more than one school day late, you will receive a zero for the assignment. Please refer to the student handbook for further clarification. If there are special circumstances please speak with me.

You are responsible for making up any missed assignments, quizzes, or projects from when you are absent. Please ask your most responsible classmates first and then me if you do not understand. You may email me at any time. Quizzes and tests are to be taken on the scheduled day. If you are absent please speak to me to setup a time to make it up. Quizzes and tests can be made up either before or after school – not during class time.

Grades

I will update PowerSchool regularly, but not daily. Please discuss any discrepancies you find with me. I am only human and do make mistakes from time to time. Grades are based upon overall points – not weighted. Thus, some assignments will be worth more points than others (ex. test, projects, etc.).

Students will be collecting a portfolio of their graded/completed work throughout the school year. From time to time, portfolios will be sent home to be viewed by parents/guardians. The portfolio must then be signed and returned by the assigned date.

Help

If you are struggling in class, please do not delay in asking for assistance. I am available most days before or after school. Please feel free to email me with questions.

PLEASE NOTE – I will not check or respond to emails after 8:00pm on weekdays (except on rare occasions). I will not check or respond to email on weekends (except on rare occasions).

Student Name _____ Homeroom _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____