**Wetumpka Middle School**

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**Basic Information**

**Honors Geography/Civics**

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**Course Description**

**Course Objectives**

By the end of this course, the student will:

* Describe what geography and human geography are.
* Understand population dynamics and migration.
* Understand political systems, states, territory, and borders.
* Understand the basic elements of culture.
* Understand the types and levels of economic activities.
* Understand urban structure and development.

**Required Student Resources**

Composition book, colored pencils or crayons, glue sticks, scissors.

WISH LIST: $10 donation for class

 White Copy Paper

 Kleenex

**Course Schedule/Outline/Calendar of Events**

Please note this is a tentative schedule. Geography is taught for one semester and civics for one semester

**1st Quarter:**

Unit 1: (Standards 1,2,3,4)

Geography Handbook

Looking at Earth in Spatial Terms

Test

Unit 2: (Standards 2,3,4)

Water, Climate, Vegetation, and Landforms

Test and At-Home Water Cycle Mini-Project

Unit 3: (Standard 5)

Cultural Features of the World

Test

Unit 4: (Standard 6)

World Economic Activity

Test

**2nd Quarter:**

Unit 1: (Standards 7,9, 10)

World Regions and Movement

Test

Unit 2: (Standard 8)

Cooperation and Conflict Among the World’s People

Test and In-Class Project

Unit 3: (Standard 8)

The World’s Physical Conditions

Test

Unit 4: (Standard 12)

Geography and History

Test

**Evaluation Procedures and Grading Criteria**

 Ex. Daily Grades (Quizzes, Writing Assignments, Current Events) 50% of final grade

 Tests Grades (Tests and Projects) 50% of final grade

Grading Scale

Ex. A = > 90%

 B = 80 to < 90%

 C = 70 to < 80%

 D = 60 to < 70%

 F = < 60%

**Attendance Statement**

. Please refer to the Elmore County Student Code of Conduct for the student attendance policy.

**Exemption Policy**

* Students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) may exempt semester and end-of-course examinations if they meet the following criteria:
	+ - An “A” average with no more than 2 excused absences
		- A “B” average with no more than 1 excused absence
		- A “C” average with no absences
		- Assignments completed fulfilling the blended attendance policy will not affect exemption status. See information on Blended Attendance on pages 12-13.
* Any student who has skipped either a class period or a school day, been suspended, or been assigned to the Elmore County Alternative Program (ECAP) will forfeit the opportunity to exempt any final examination regardless of grade average. Three unexcused tardies to class will forfeit exemption status in that class.
* **Please note: School authorized field trips, a college day (with proper documentation), and military absences (with proper documentation) do not count as absences towards exemptions.**

**Communication**

E-mail is the easiest way for me to connect with parents. Please allow up to 24 hours for an email response as some messages are sent to spam, which is beyond my control.

However, do not hesitate to call the school to speak with me or schedule a conference.

Remind is a wonderful communication tool for parents to keep up with important classroom happenings. To subscribe simply text **@akillo6** to **81010** or to receive messages via email, send an email to akillo6@mail.remind.com.

\*Please note: Remind Chat will not be available. Please contact me via email for the quickest response.

**Classroom guidelines, policies and procedures**

Class Expectations/Rules

1. Be responsible.
2. Be respectful.
3. Be safe

Consequences

1. Verbal warning.
2. Parental contact.
3. Parental conference
4. Referral to administration.