**Spring Meadows**

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| **Course Information** | **Teacher Information** |
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**School Mission**

At Spring Meadows we strive to ensure that students can 1) Signal Change and 2) Make futures happen. All staff members work hard to ensure we can instill these two attributes within each student that walks into our classrooms.

**Course Description:**

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| This course is designed to prepare students for understanding governmental concepts needed to be successful in high school, as well as college/career ready. |

**Course Competencies/ Learning Objectives**

Students who successfully complete Social Studies will be competent in the following areas:

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**Student Evaluation**

The grading system for Social Studies at Spring Meadows is as follows:

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| Tests, Projects, & Major Papers | 30% |  |
| Quizzes, Classwork, & Minor Assignments | 30% |  |
| Warm up & Notes  Attendance & Class Participation | 15%  15% |  |
| Homework | 10% |  |

**Attendance Policy**

Regular and prompt class attendance is an essential part of the educational experience. Students will accept full responsibility for ensuring their work does not suffer because of excused absences. All students are expected to attend every scheduled class on time. Exceptions may be made for illness and valid emergencies.

**Classroom Expectations**

Follow CHAMPs Expectations

C-0 call outs, school appropriate language, accepts consequences without disrespect

H-Raise hand for assistance

A-Complete notes, assignments, quizzes and tests with 70% accuracy. Begin bellringer

M-Stay on task, maintain personal space, follow all adult directives

P-Remain in dress code, SLANT

**Assignment/ Homework Policy**

Assignments should be completed on a daily basis within class. In the event students are out for excused reasons, then 1 day will be given for make-up. Homework is expected to be returned as assigned. Homework is 15% of students overall grade and will effect grades if not completed. In the event students are out for excused reasons, make-up time will be addressed by the teacher.

**Class Requirements**

Students will be expected to complete daily writing warm-ups. Note-aking will be required for formulas, vocabulary, and examples. Assignments need to be completed, in order to ensure students are mastering the content being taught and to ensure success for meeting the National Science Standards.

**Plagiarism, Cheating, and Academic Integrity**

Plagiarism is the practice of copying words, sentences, images, or ideas for use in written or oral assessments without giving proper credit to the source. Cheating is defined as the giving or receiving of illegal help on anything that has been determined by the teacher to be an individual effort. Both are considered serious offenses and will significantly affect your course grade. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct booklet for additional information.