

7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

2024-2025



ABOUT YOUR TEACHER

Hi! My name is Mrs. MacCallum.

This is my eleventh year teaching and my fourth year in Eden. I have taught all social studies courses for grades 7-12 and strongly believe in challenging students and encouraging critical thinking in social studies! We will work hard this year, but we will have fun along the way!

When I am not teaching I love spending time with my family, friends and pets, traveling, and reading! I am also the faculty advisor for Model UN and GSA.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Social studies content in grade 7 is a study of United States and New York State history. Course content in 7th grade is divided into 11 units, tracing the human experience in the United States from Native American Developments to the Civil War, and tying political, geographic, economic, and social trends in United States history.

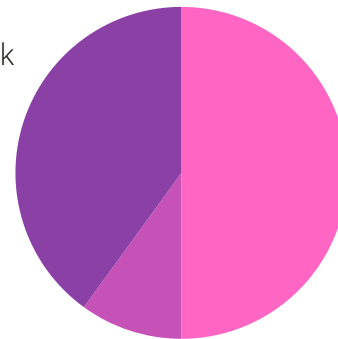
Social studies in 7th grade is held for 41 minutes each day and will require students to study outside of the classroom and complete work outside of the class. I look forward to getting to know, and working with each of you over the course of the year!

UNITS OF STUDY

- Geography
- Native Americans
- Exploration/Encounter
- Colonies
- Revolutionary War
- The Constitutional Convention
- Constitution
- Testing the Constitution
- Westward Expansion
- 1800s Reform Era
- Sectionalism, Abolition and the Civil War

GRADE STRUCTURE

Classwork/Homework
40%



Tests/Projects/Quizzes
50%

Student Engagement
10%

Final Exam - Students will take a mandatory cumulative final exam during the last week of June that will be calculated separately as 10% of their yearly average.

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LATE WORK POLICY

When work is not completed on time, it becomes harder to catch up. Time management and seeking help are crucial. Late assignments will receive a zero in PowerSchool until submitted. After a unit is completed, the maximum score for any outstanding assignment will be 50%.

TEST POLICY

Students are allowed to retake any test/quiz to improve their grade. In order to take advantage of this opportunity any outstanding work must be completed and turned in. Retakes will not be completed during class and must be scheduled in advance.

ABSENCE POLICY

If you are absent you are responsible for all missed work. You are responsible for checking our class agenda on Google Classroom for any work and turning in work within 24 hours of your return unless otherwise stated.

VACATION POLICY

Work will not be provided ahead of any scheduled vacation. Daily agendas will be provided on google classroom.

CLASSROOM RULES

- Be respectful of your classmates and their viewpoints
- Arrive on time with all materials needed ready to learn
- Leave all distractions outside of the classroom
- Follow directions of any adult in the classroom

CONSEQUENCES

- First Offense: Warning
- Second Offense: Call or email home
- Third Offense: Office referral

MATERIALS

- A 1.5 inch binder*
- Folder any color
- Pen/Pencils
- Agenda - Students will not leave classroom without a signed pass
- Charged Chromebook

*Please note - Skills I work on with 7th graders include chronology, organization and building study habits.

Students are **NOT** expected to bring their binder home every night or carry it with them throughout the day. Please encourage your student to utilize their locker.

Extra Credit Materials

- Tissues, Paper Towels