

Shiner High School
World Geography

Contact Information:

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Conference Period:

Monday – Friday 1st period

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to World Geography! I am excited to work with you throughout this school year, and look forward to collaborating in new and exciting ways! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My school email is akinj@shinerisd.net. I will also be available during my conference period 1st period Monday-Friday, as well as before school and during tutorials between first and second period in order to work with you and answer any questions you may have. I look forward to working with you and your child!

Course Outline:

World Geography

We will study cultures and landforms and climates all over the world. We will do our best to show how people and cultures have been and are shaped by nature and the people around them.

Unit 1 – Physical Patterns and Processes	Unit 4 – Latin America
Unit 2 – Human Geographic Systems	Unit 5 – Europe
Unit 3 – United States and Canada	Unit 6 – Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia

Supplies needed:

- Notebook paper
- Pencil
- Black/blue pen
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Box of map pencils

Classroom Policies

Expectations:

1. Be polite and respectful to the teacher and classmates at all times
2. Be responsible (take notes, turn in your homework, etc...)
3. Come to class on time and prepared
4. Always do your own work to the BEST of your ability.

Rules:

1. Do not talk when the teacher is talking and when other students respond to questions.
2. No getting up out of your seat while the teacher is teaching or giving instructions.
3. No food or drinks other than bottled water in the classroom.
4. Have pencils sharpened and have materials you need for the lesson on your desk before the bells rings. (Ex. pencil/pen, paper, calculator, etc...)

***Grading Policy:**

Summative grades = 50% (tests/projects)

Formative/Quiz grades = 50% (daily/homework grades)

***Late Work:**

The student will have the opportunity to submit work up to three days after the due date with a penalty of 10 points per day. We will follow the guidelines noted in the Shiner ISD handbook.

***Failed Assignments or Tests:**

The student must redo an assignment or retake a test within five school days of receiving the failing grade.

The student will be allowed to redo an assignment or retake a test for which they received a failing grade in order to receive a maximum grade of 70 points. The teacher will record the higher of the two grades; maximum of a 70.

“CHEATING / PLAGIARISM / ACADEMIC DISHONESTY Copying another person’s work, such as homework, class work, or a test, is a form of cheating. The use of electronic devices, such as cell phones, in the classroom and in testing situations may cause suspicion of cheating. Plagiarism, which is the use of another person’s original ideas or writing as one’s own without giving credit to the true author, will also be considered cheating and the student will be subject to academic disciplinary action that may include loss of credit for the work in question. Teachers who have reason to believe that a student has engaged in cheating or other academic dishonesty will assess the academic penalty to be imposed. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary consequences as well, according to the Student Code of Conduct.