

# 9th Grade World Geography Syllabus

## Coach Rader – Lake Dallas High School

### 2025-2026 School Year - 1st Semester

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 9th Grade at Lake Dallas High School! This syllabus outlines the course plan for your child's class this semester, including key topics, expectations, and how you can support their success. As required by Texas law (Senate Bill 12), this document serves as the instructional plan and is available for your review. I look forward to working with you and your child!

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### Course Overview (Instructional Plan)

This school year, your child will study the following topics in World Geography Studies, based on Texas state standards (TEKS):

1. **Unit 1: Physical Patterns and Processes**
  - Learning objectives: Explain how elevation, latitude, wind systems, ocean currents, continental position, and mountain barriers impact temperature, precipitation, and climate zones.
  - Activities: Vocabulary, Daily Warmups, Quizzes, Map Work, Unit Exam
2. **Unit 2: Human Geographic Systems**
  - Learning objectives: Understand different kinds of regions (formal, functional, perceptual) and how geographic frameworks are defined.
  - Activities: Vocabulary, Daily Warmups, Quizzes, Map Work, Book Assignments, Unit Exam

**3. Unit 3: USA and Canada**

- Learning objectives: Physical Features, immigration patterns, economic/government systems
- Activities: Vocabulary, Quizzes, Daily Warmups, Map Work, Unit Exam

**4. Unit 4: Latin America**

- Learning objectives: Climate zones, colonization, cultural diffusion, natural resources
- Activities: Vocabulary, Quizzes, Daily Warmups, Map Work, Unit Exam

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Thank you for supporting your child's education! Feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Coach Rader