7th Grade Social Studies
Texas History

2025-2026 School Year

I AM A GODDARD RAIDER. I am RESPECTFUL. I am ACCOUNTABLE. I have INTEGRITY. I am DETERMINED. I am ENGAGED and I am RESPONSIBLE.

RAIDERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW!

Welcome Letter

Welcome to Goddard! We are excited to get to know and work hand in hand with your students this year. Below we have provided a syllabus that outlines the classroom and lists some of the supplies needed. We are looking forward to a great school year together and we are committed to giving your children the opportunities to succeed!

Syllabus

Guardian Communication:
Guardians will be notified between the third and fifth week if their child is likely to fail the six weeks period in order to allow time for the grade to be brought up. I use blackboard to send emails, so please be sure blackboard is not blocked on your email or phone. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns and I will do my best to get back to you within 24 hours. If I receive an email after 4:30 p.m. I am unlikely to respond back until the following day.

Google classroom:
We have a classroom set which will be assigned based on a seating chart. Once chromebooks are given out students will have access to all lessons on google classroom. They will also have additional resources that may help them succeed.

Notebooks:
All students need a journal that will be kept in class. The majority of the work will be completed on the journal and will need to be organized to easily refer back to past activities and notes. Please visit the supply section for more information on what is needed.

Phone Policy:
All phones must stay in backpacks. If a phone is visible it will be picked up by the school's administration staff and returned once the $15 fee is paid by a parent or guardian, it can not be picked up by a student from the office. If you are needing to get a hold of your student, make sure to contact the office and they will notify us as quickly as possible. This is a MISD policy that was implemented 2 years ago so help us continue setting the expectation by leading as an example.

Grading Information:
Students and parents are responsible for checking their Skyward in order to remain aware of grades. Guardians will be notified between the third and fifth week if their child is likely to fail the six weeks period, in order to allow time for opportunities to get grades up. We do our best to grade each class period within a reasonable time, with that being said late assignments and corrections are not prioritized and will be graded at our discretion.

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Late policy:

10 points for every day an assignment is not turned in, we can be lenient but at the discretion of the quality of work. Simple things like student names not being included in turns in assignments will result in ramifications to what otherwise would have been a passing grade.

Corrections:

All assignments may be corrected. Test corrections must be corrected in after school tutorials with or without help from the instructor. Major grades can be corrected to a 90 and minor grades can be corrected to a 70. Keep in mind the quality of the work is expected to be completed just as if the assignment was turned in on time. Additional points will be deducted for lack of effort or lack of completion.

Due Dates:

All assignments, corrections, and extra credit are due by the 5th Friday at the end of the 6 Weeks grading period. Any assignments turned in after that Friday will not be accepted, unless the student has spoken with us and has been given an extension due to absences or other extenuating circumstances.

Bathroom policy:

Per school policy students will have the middle 15 minutes of class to leave to use the restroom in our 45 minute class period. Students may not go during the first 15 and last 15 minutes of class. We will let students leave on a first come, first serve basis and they will utilize a program called Minga, which helps us keep track of their bathroom usage. Students should be encouraged to stop by the restroom during passing periods. We do keep in mind that there are situations where students have emergencies but behavior and grade will affect these decisions.

Tutorials:

Tutorials will be held on Fridays right after school from 4:10pm - 4:30pm. The time we leave is subject to change at the discretion of admin but students will be instructed to notify their guardian ahead of time. It is important to communicate with us when your student needs extra attention after school because this year 7th Grade Social Studies does not have a planning period built into our schedule so we meet 3 days a week right after school.

Saturday School and Detention:

Continuous issues with grades and/or behavior can cause your child to receive Saturday school or detention. Guardians will be notified ahead of time if this is something we have assigned. If the nearest date does not work, we will work with you to make sure consequences are met.

Food and Gum:

Clear water bottles with a lid that screws on and off are fine. We do not allow gum or food in the classroom, some classrooms just got new carpet which is not easy to take care of with a small custodial staff, let's be very mindful of the amount of work that part of our staff really has to take care of.

Supplies:

- Composition/Spiral Notebook (prefer college ruled - Spirals are more durable)
- Multicolored pens (for backpack)
- Map colors/ Markers (for backpack)
- 2 packs of pencils (one for the backpack and one for the class)
- Highlighters (for the backpack)
- Clear or Mesh backpack (Non-see through backpacks are not allowed)

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- Optional - Pencil Bag (something for students to hold their writing utensils)
- Optional - Tissues (for the class)
- Optional - Baby wipes (for the class)
- Optional - Disinfecting Wipes (for classroom)
- Optional - Hand Sanitizer (for the class)