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US History 1st, 3rd, 4th Block
Contemporary Issues 2nd Block
Planning 5th Block
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I am very excited to have the opportunity to teach and interact with you this year. I am looking forward to having a great year in our classroom! I served in the U.S. Navy Submarine service for 21 years and this is my 10th year teaching. Traveling, collecting semi precious gemstones and vinyl records are things that I enjoy doing. I also enjoy what I do here and I take pride in working with students. Your efforts will define how successful your school year will be.

The following items will go a long way in your child having a strong, successful academic school year:

Cell phones are not to be used in class. State law says that off and in Giles County that means from 8am to 2:45 pm. Cell phones will be off and placed in the designated hanger on the door when a student enters the class, or placed in their bookbag. This applies to ear buds, smart watches, mp3 players, etc. Students will be referred to administration for violating this policy.

Computers are to be used for educational purposes only, when instructed to do so and only on the subject we are working on.

Monitor your grades and attendance through Google Classroom and Synergy.

Students should have an appropriate place at home to study and complete work.

It is critical that your child's absences be kept to a minimum. Students have two school days to complete work they missed due to an absence. I do not accept work after that time.

Field Trips are a privilege and my policy this year is if you have 8 or more absences or your grade is below an 85, I will not sign approval for that field trip.

You are responsible for charging your computer each night.

We have a lot to do this semester, and sleeping in class will result in a zero for that day and each day a student sleeps will result in a reduction of their overall grade by 1 point. This is non-negotiable. Sleep before you come to my class. Eating is not allowed in class. If you miss a test, you can make it up at 7:15 am or at 2:45. Tests will not be made up during class time.

I will use School Status to update parents on their child's progress and this will send a text to their phone.

If parents are concerned about their child's grade, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to discuss with you the challenges that they are experiencing.

If you desire to meet, I am available during 5th block until the end of school 1:30-3:15. I can meet later if you make arrangements ahead of time by appointment.

I am here to help you succeed, but this is a team effort between your parents, you and myself and I will do all I can to make this happen but everyone must do their part to ensure it does happen.

Schedule for U.S. History:

Aug 3: Intro to school rules, forms and expectations

Aug 4: Reconstruction 1865-1877

Aug 11: Industry and Immigration 1865-1914

Aug 17: Challenges in the Late 1800s 1865-1900

Aug 24: America Comes of Age 1890-1920

Sep 3: World War I and the 1920s 1914-1929

Sep 11: The Great Depression and the New Deal 1929-1941

Sep 18: World War II 1931-1945

Sep 28: Postwar America 1945-1960

Oct 5: FALL BREAK

Oct 12: Civil Rights and Reform in the 1960s 1945-1968

Oct 19: The Vietnam War Era 1954-1975

Oct 26: The Era of Change 1968-1990

Nov 5: America in the 1980s-1990s

Nov 13 : America in the 21st Century

Nov 19: Exam/TCAP review

Nov 23: THANKSGIVING BREAK

Dec 2-3: TCAP

Dec 14-16 : Semester Exams

This schedule is subject to change.