 Willowridge High School

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Mr. Terrance Hayden, Principal

**Welcome to Coach Ross’ Social Studies Class!**

**Ninth Grade: World Geography**

**Tenth Grade: World History**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to take this time to welcome your child to my class. Often times some teachers wait until students are slipping between the cracks either academically or behaviorally before they make proper communication with parents/guardians in their class. I never want to be guilty of this type of practice. It is my belief that being proactive instead of reactive makes way for a better outcome regarding your child. Included in this handout you will find basic classroom expectations and procedures for my class. In addition to this the grading scale, homework and makeup work policy will be included. Lastly, a section requesting general contact information from you to help keep the lines of communication open is provided.

Blaze Blue,

*Mark A. Ross*

**Recommended Daily Materials:** **Grading Scale**

* Textbook (*provided*) 100– 90 A
* Bellwork (marble composition) Notebook 89 – 80 B
* 3-ring binder (for notes) 79– 70 C
* Pencils 69– 65 D
* 3/5 Index Cards 64– 0 F
* Colored Pencils/Crayons
* Red Pens (for peer evaluations)
* Highlighters

**Classroom Expectations:**

**Be Polite & Positive-** Students are encouraged to maintain a positive attitude and to treat themselves, fellow students, adults, and others property with respect.

**Be Present & Proactive**- Students shouldn’t maintain high absences; be on time for class with all materials needed for classwork and if absent (excused) the need for make-up work which should be returned equal to the length of the absence. (e.g. 1-day absence = 1-day makeup)

**Be Patient & Productive-** Students must refrain from classroom disruptions. No eating or drinking will be allowed in class. All rules in alignment of the school handbook and district handbook must also be followed.

**Consequences:**

1st Occurrence Warning/Student Conference with Teacher

2nd Occurrence Parental Contact with Consequence

3rd Occurrence Referred to Office

4th Occurrence Parent-Student Conference with Teacher

**Assignments per quarter (9-weeks):**

**Minimum of 9 Daily Grades: Classwork/Activities/Homework/Discussion Boards**

**Total of 3 Major Grades: Quizzes/Projects/Writing Assessments/Exams**

**“Do Now’s”** will be given daily at the beginning of each class period and will be collected quarterly and graded to assure the students are on task.

**Homework** will not be given on a daily basis. **Some Homework may be classwork that wasn’t completed during class.** Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of the student to complete assignments in a timely fashion when issued and if absent, the need for those assignments to be given to them to complete

**Classwork** includes presentations, activities, handouts etc. This work should always be completed as its intent is to help balanced major grades if they are lower than expected.

**Major Grades:** 3 assignments will be given every nine-week period as major grades. Students should not wait until the previous night to attempt to prepare for a major assignment. A three to five-day prior notice will be given for these types of assignments.

**Schoology & Skyward Student Access:** Studentgrades can be accessed at any time via the parent-command center. For more info about access and usage please contact the school’s office

General Info:

Email Address: [mark.ross@fortbendisd.com](mailto:mark.ross@fortbendisd.com)

School Wires: Willowridge High School Mr. Ross

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Attached to this parent information sheet is your child’s syllabus. Please read it thoroughly and return this form signed by both you and your child as soon as possible. I can be reached at school or at my e-mail address if you have any concerns about your child’s progress in my class.

Sincerely,

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Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date

**Please Complete the Following Information**

There are separate spaces for each parent/guardian

**Student’s Name (please print)**  **Class Period:**

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**Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)**

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Best Contact Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Communication: (check one) □ by email □ by phone

**Secondary Parent/ Guardian Name (Please Print)**

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Best Contact Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_