

Buford High School

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE ...Honors World Geography **TERM.....Fall 2016/Spring 2017**
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Teacher Support (Help sessions etc.)	Help sessions are available before and after school in Rm. 6209: Monday & Wednesday from 2:45 – 4:00 & Tuesday & Thursday from 7:00 – 7:40.	

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Honors World Geography can be separated into two distinct categories: physical & human.

Physical Geography: Spatial patterns and underlying processes of the physical environment and biosphere, including climate, vegetation, soils, landforms, and water resources.

Human Geography: Global patterns of resources, population, culture, and economic systems, including factors contributing to these patterns and distinctions between the technologically advanced and less advanced regions of the world.

COURSE CURRICULUM CONTENT

The Georgia Performance Standards for this course can be accessed online at georgiastandards.org.

GEORGIA PERFORMANCE STANDARDS	UNITS/TOPICS
SSWG1 The student will explain the physical aspects of geography.	1. An Introduction to the Earth
SSWG2 The student will explain the cultural aspects of geography.	2. Portraying the Earth - Maps & Globes
The student will describe the interaction of physical and human systems that have shaped contemporary:	3. Earth Processes
SSWG3 North Africa/Southwest Asia	4. Human Geography
SSWG4 Sub-Saharan Africa	5. The USA & Canada
SSWG5 South Asia, SE Asia, and Eastern Asia	6. Latin America
SSWG6 Europe	7. The Russian Domain
SSWG7 Latin America	8. Europe
SSWG8 Canada and the United States	9. Sub-Saharan Africa
SSWG9 Oceania, including Australia, New Zealand, and Antarctica	10. SW Asia & North Africa (The Middle East)
	11. South Asia
	12. East Asia
	13. SE Asia
	14. Australia, New Zealand, Oceania, & Antarctica

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Published Materials	Instructional Supplies
Holt McDougal: <u>Geography</u>	1) Blue or Black Ink Pens and Pencils
Pearson: <u>Physical Geography: A Landscape Appreciation</u> , <i>McKnight</i>	2) 1” - 1.5” – 3 Ring Binder w/College-Ruled Paper & Dividers
Pearson: <u>The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography</u> , <i>Rubinstein</i>	3) Colored Pencils
Mc-Graw Hill: <u>Essentials of World Regional Geography</u> , <i>Bradshaw</i>	4) Composition book OR divider section in notebook for daily warm-ups
Pearson: <u>Diversity Amid Globalization</u> , <i>Roundtree</i>	5) 1 Box of Kleenex (optional)

EVALUATION AND GRADING

Assignments	Benchmark Points	Grading Scale
40% - Unit Tests	Benchmark # 1 100	A: 90 and above
20% - Quizzes	Benchmark # 2 200	B: 80 – 89
30% - Benchmarks (includes final exam)	Benchmark # 3 600	C: 74 – 79
10% - Performance Essay		D: 70 – 73
		F: 69 or below

OTHER INFORMATION

Expectations for Academic Success	Classroom Expectations
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Read daily 2) Ask questions 3) Participate constructively as a team member 4) Proof read written assignments and edit meaningfully 5) Review multiple sources of information 6) Challenge yourself to continuously improve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work from other classes, books, purses, or gym bags are NOT allowed on your desk or in your lap during class time. • Students are NOT allowed in the teacher area of the classroom at any time. • No food is allowed in the classroom by students.

Your agenda contains all the other rules, regulations, and expectations for this classroom and **will be enforced.**

Important Rules and Procedures to Remember:

1. Book bags (any bag you carry books in) are NOT allowed in classrooms. If you come to class with one, you will be sent to the office per school policy.
2. All passes TO and FROM my classroom must be written on the “Hall Pass” pages in the back of your agenda. Passes are to the nurse and for restroom emergencies only. You are NOT allowed to go to vending machines between classes.
3. Dr. Bitterman’s “2-second rule” for sleeping will be enforced. Stay awake!
4. Headphones of any kind are NOT allowed to be worn in the building.
5. Food is allowed in only THREE locations in the building: the Commons area, the basketball concession area & the field house. Food is NOT allowed in the hallways or in classrooms. I WILL enforce this!

Extra Notes: