



# Westside High School

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ROOM A150

## College Prep **WORLD GEOGRAPHY**

Syllabus

Welcome to *World Geography*. This course is course designed to ensure academic success at the high school and the collegiate level. This course is taught through reading, writing and historical analysis. Students of this course will be expected to read maps, read and analyze historical texts and documents and provide written analysis to show mastery of the subject matter.

### **Course Description**

The world geography course provides students with an analytical view of how geographic factors have and continue to influence human behavior on the earth. Students will examine how the physical and cultural geographic factors contribute to varying levels of cooperation within the major world regions. Additionally, students will examine the importance that political, environmental, and economic factors have in a region's development.

### **World Geography Topics**

Physical Geography  
Cultural Geography  
Political Geography  
Population Geography  
Environmental Geography  
Economic Geography

### **CLASSROOM MATERIALS:**

- Your textbook,
- A Writing Utensil (i.e. pencil, and/or pen)
- 3-Ring Binder
- 5-tab binder dividers (with pockets optional)
- Paper
- Syllabus for reference

### **Textbook:**

Boehm, Richard. *Geography: The Human and Physical World*. Columbus: McGraw Hill, 2018.

### **Class Website/Lesson Plans**

A link to the lesson plans (Week At a Glance-WAG) is located on the “Welcome” page and in CANVAS. Students will have the ability to access the information 24/7.

### **Technology**

Technology will be part of the educational process and will be utilized for education purposes only.

### **Classroom Procedures & Expectations**

The overarching expectation in this class is to represent WAR (Wholehearted, Accountable, Respectful). Expectations for how to W.A.R. in class:

#### **Wholehearted**

Students should have required material for the class in the classroom before the class starts.  
Students should be prepared for the education process daily.

#### **Accountable**

Students will follow Rule 16 “No Cellphones out on Campus”  
Students will not disrupt the learning process for other students.

#### **Respectful**

Students will not talk when the teacher is talking.  
Students will keep the classroom and school clean.

### **Code of Conduct:**

Students will follow the approved Richmond County Board of Education Code of Conduct. Students will follow the RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION and Westside High School dress code. The disruption of the learning process will not be tolerated.

#### *Grading policy*

When the assignment calls for students to produce original work, students will not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate the assignment for them. Assignments are given to help students learn and demonstrate what they know. While there may be appropriate times for students to use AI during the learning process, using AI to generate original work in place of the student completing the work, is considered

Academic Dishonesty and can be punished according to the rules outlined in the Code of Conduct.

*See RCBOE IHA-R Grading Practices*

*\*The Code of Conduct can be located on the Westside High School website under the “parents” tab.*

### **Attendance/Tardy:**

Students are subject to the RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION policy regarding absenteeism. Attendance will be recorded daily. ***Classroom attendance is vital to each student’s success.*** If a scheduled absence is necessary, the student should inform the teacher prior to the absence.

## Grades

### *Term Grade Calculation*

Course Work		90%
Minor Assessments	60%	
Major Assessments	40%	
<u>Final Exam</u>		<u>10%</u>
Total Final Grade: Course Work +Final Exam		100%

### **Minor Assignments: 60%**

Assignments will consist of the following and may be assigned as in-class work or work to be completed at home: reading, written, discussion board.

*Vocabulary* will consist of terms related to the unit. Students will be given a variety of assignments to further understanding.

*Maps* students will complete map studies related to regions of the world.

### **Major Assessments: 40%**

*Projects*: will be assigned throughout the course to aid the student in mastery of content. Projects will consist of timelines, posters, or any assignment the teacher so designates.

*Test*: will be administered at the end of each unit. The tests will consist of a combination of multiple choice, matching, short answer and map identification.

### **Final Exam: 10% (of Final Grade)**

*The Final Exam will be a comprehensive exam of no more than 75 questions that covers the course work topics of said Term. The questions will be a mix of Multiple Choice, Matching, Map identification, and timeline identification.*

### ***Late Work (Grading Policy- See RCBOE IHA-R Grading Practices)***

Students may have their scores reduced by 5% per school day for a 25% maximum reduction (five school days). Late work submitted after the fifth school day will only be accepted at the teacher's discretion.

Students are expected to submit work on time. Doing so exhibits pride in producing quality work and fulfilling student responsibility. This work habit is a behavior that supports academic achievement and demonstrates characteristics from our Richmond County School System Profile of a Graduate. Late work can negatively impact learning and your ability to demonstrate mastery of the standards.

***Missed Tests.*** Students who miss a scheduled test must make up the test in the allotted time established by the RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION and Westside High School. Make-up tests will not be taken during regular class time. Students must schedule an alternate time. Students who know they will be absent on the day of a scheduled test may request to take the test at an earlier date.

### **Make-up work Due to Absence**

Students may make up tests and assignments when they bring in an excuse that meets with the guidelines of an excused absence as stated by the Richmond County Board of Education. The missed work must be made up within five (5) school days, unless an extension is granted by the teacher. Work missed due to an unexcused absence may be allowed to be made up within five (5) school days, as described by the Westside High School guidelines, and Richmond County Board of Education policy. However, the grade(s) missed because of the unexcused absence will be listed as an “M” (Missing) for those grades, until made up.

*See Richmond County Board of Education policy regarding extended absences.*

### **Relearn and Reassess Plan**

For any major assessments, students will have the opportunity to submit a relearning plan for parent and teacher approval. Upon satisfactory completion of the plan, as determined by the teacher, students will be given a minimum of ONE opportunity to be reassessed. Only students scoring below 70 on a major assessment can complete a relearning plan unless exempted with parent approval. Reassessments may be different from the original. The reassessment score will replace the original score (the scores will not be averaged).

Reassessments should be completed within 7 school days of receiving the original grade. Teachers should have discretion to extend the timeline to address extenuating circumstances.  
*See teacher class page for Relearn/Reassess*

### **EXTRA CREDIT**

**No extra credit is given.** If a student takes good notes, participates in class, studies, and turns in all assignments, they will not need “extra credit”.

### **DISCIPLINE IN THE CLASSROOM**

The rule for classroom discipline is simple: Respect yourself, Respect Others, Be Civic Minded. See the, “Code of Conduct” for further direction. Again, I am pleased to have you in my class and look forward to our school year. I believe we will have a productive school year if we all work hard toward our goals. I will make myself available to all of you anytime that you need me.