



## Jack Yates High School 2024 - 2025

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### General Information

#### Course Content

Over the school year, students will examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. They will describe the influence of geography on past and present events. Additionally, they will focus on how economic, social, political, and environmental processes shape processes such as regional cultural patterns and settlement patterns, and the relationship between the physical environment and climates and ecosystems. Scholars will be expected to use problem-solving and decision-making skills to develop their knowledge and mastery of geography skills.

#### Expectations and Goals

Learning is an active process that requires active engagement and participation. As a student, you will be expected to practice the behaviors you desire from your friends, family, and neighbors. Occasional and commonplace lapses of judgement are expected and will be met with warnings, conversations, or both. It is expected that students will heed any warnings given. Failure to do so will result in consequences that include office referrals or after school detention. Disrespect, inappropriate and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

#### About the Teacher

I moved to Houston from Phoenix, AZ. I graduated from Arizona State University with a B.A. and M.Ed. This is my third at Jack Yates. I have coached basketball, football, and baseball. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family; who are active. My kids are involved in basketball, swimming, golf, wrestling, and volleyball.

#### Assignments and Grading

It is expected that students will complete all assignments with the expectation that it will be graded, as all work given is done with the intent to prepare students for exams. Late work will only be accepted under certain circumstances; **unexcused absences, skipping, and not doing the work on the day it was given are not acceptable circumstances**. Students allowed to submit late work have 3 days to turn it in.

If a student receives an exam grade lower than a 70, they are invited to retake the exam.



## Grading Scale

LETTER GRADE		
90 - 100	A	Excellent
80 - 89	B	Good
75 - 79	C	Fair
70 - 74	D	Passing
69 or below	F	Failing

Classwork	60%
Exams/ Quiz/ Projects	40%
Passing = 100 - 80%    At Risk of Failing = 79 - 70%    Failing = 69 - Below	

## **Technology/ Backpacks/ Bags/Hats Policy**

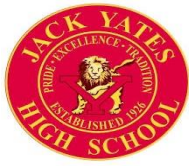
When needed, only HISD (Houston Independent School District) issued laptops can be used in class. All other technology, which includes cell phones, headphones, smart watches, and laptops, are to be stowed away during class. **Cell/Smartphones are not allowed to be used during class.** This is not negotiable. There is a place provided in the classroom to store their devices.

**Backpacks/Bags are not allowed at the student's desk. There is a designated place for students to store their bags during class.**

Hats, bonnets, and doo rags are not to be worn in class. Should the use of technology or following classroom rules become an issue, a conference between the teacher with the student and parent/guardian will be requested.

## **Required Materials**

- Pen/Pencil
- Notebook (three ring binder)



## Unit Overview

Unit	Topic
Unit 1	The First Humans, Western Asia, Egypt, India, and China
Unit 2	Religion and Ancient Empires
Unit 3	Feudalism, Manorialism, and Muslim Interactions
Unit 4	Conflict and Interaction, Byzantine Empire
Unit 5	Hemispheres Collide
Unit 6	Renaissance and Reform
Unit 7	Comparative Revolutions
Unit 8	Western Industrialization and Empires
Unit 9	The World at War
Unit 10	World War II Begins
Unit 11	Decolonization and Independence
Unit 12	Gender Roles

## Additional Information and Resources

Eating and drinking is not allowed in class.

## Tutorials

If a student requires tutorials, they can request them at any time and schedule with the teacher.