

Guide to Success

In Mr. Chisholm's 8th grade
United States History class 2026-2027

ABSENT:

Schoolwork is an important responsibility. After an excused absence, students will have one day for each day absent to complete missed assignments without penalty. It is the responsibility of students to make up missed work. Assignments are listed in the classroom, on Google Classroom, and on Aeries. Any missing worksheets not available on the Internet will be left in the Student Resource Area in the classroom.

ASSIGNMENT PASSES:

Life happens. Sometimes assignments cannot be completed or turned in. Each quarter, every student will receive two assignment passes that will wave a typical work assignment up to 25 points. This excludes projects, quizzes, and tests. The teacher reserves the right to reject the assignment pass for selected work assignments. **WARNING:** If a student uses the passes carelessly, they will not have any passes left when they are truly needed.

BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS:

Students are expected to follow the class, grade level, and school rules at all times. If a student chooses to misbehave, the general consequences are:

- ✓ One verbal warning=no penalty
- ✓ Two verbal warnings=community service
- ✓ Continued misbehavior may result in one or more of the following:
 - ◆ Time after school
 - ◆ Extended detention after school
 - ◆ Removal from the classroom
 - ◆ Referral to the assistant principal
 - ◆ Parent/teacher conference

Depending on the offense and frequency, consequences can vary. See the student binder reminder for additional rules, deterrents, and consequences.

CHEATING: DON'T DO IT!

Cheating is copying work from someone else, giving work to someone else, or submitting work that is not their own (plagiarizing, artificial intelligence, etc.). Cheating will result in losing credit for the assignment and possibly further penalties.



CLASS RULES:

1. Follow directions the first time given.
2. Bring materials to class.
3. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. No throwing objects of any kind for any reason.
6. Get permission to leave your seat.
7. No food or drink except water.

EXCUSES:

It's at home...I lost it...I had things to do...I didn't know we had homework...the Martians beamed it to the mother ship....

Excuses lead to failure. To succeed, students should write down assignments in their binder reminders, set aside a specific time each evening for homework, and complete all assignments on time.

EXTRA CREDIT:

Extra credit assignments are sometimes offered each quarter for non-essential work. Extra credit is **not** issued on a request basis nor should students expect extra credit assignments to significantly raise their grades.

GRADING:

Grades are determined by averaging scores on assignments that are grouped in weighted categories. Students will be evaluated on an A to F scale of 50% to 100% proportional grading. Student grades are available online in Aeries.

LATE? TARDY? UH-OH!

Students need to be on time to class. They need to be in the classroom before the bell rings otherwise they are considered tardy.



LATE WORK:

Most of the class grade is made up of several small assignments. The resulting quarter/semester grades the student earns is the result of long-term behavior and choices.

Work is due when it is asked for, not later. Assignments are listed in the classroom, on Google Classroom, and on Aeries. Missing assignments are worth 50% (F) of the assignment value. Work submitted up to two (2) days after the due date will receive 59% assignment value (F+). Turn work in on time to avoid grade penalties.

LEAVING THE CLASSROOM:

Students cannot leave the classroom without a pass from the teacher. If a student must leave school early, the parent/legal guardian must make arrangements with the front office before school begins.

LOCKERS VERSUS BACKPACKS:

A locker is an important tool. It allows students to hold books and supplies so they do not have to lug around a heavy backpack all day. While backpacks are great for storage, they destroy books, notebooks, computers, and other fragile supplies. If books are damaged, fines will be issued; if notebooks are mangled, they become useless. Use the locker!

NEATNESS:

Students must turn in work that is neat and legible. If the teacher cannot read an assignment, the paper will receive little or no credit. Unless otherwise stated, all assignments must be completed in black ink or with a No. 2 pencil.

RESTROOMS:

Students will receive three Restroom passes each semester to leave class to use the restroom. Students may use the restroom without a pass; however, these students will have consequences for each use of the facilities. Students are expected to be in class during class time. Provisions will be made for students with health issues.

RETAKE TESTS:

Students who receive less than a C- (less than 70%) on a test may retake the test within one week of the original testing date for a one-time attempt to raise the test grade to no more than a C- or 70%. Students must make arrangements with the teacher ahead of time for the test retake to take place outside of class time. The highest grade of the two tests will be recorded as the final grade.

RETURNED WORK:

Work is graded and returned to students as soon as possible. Students should keep all returned work for the duration of the school year for future reference and as documentation of their assignment grades. Thousands of grades are entered into Aeries each quarter and mistakes occur. To request an assignment grade change, the student **must** present the assignment(s) in question to the teacher otherwise the grade will remain unchanged.

STUDENT USED TECHNOLOGY:

Cell phones, airpods, Chromebooks, and other electronic devices cannot be used in the classroom without teacher permission. Violations will be reported with consequences to be determined.

SUPPLIES:

The following school supplies are recommended for students in this class. Arrangements will be made for students unable to purchase their own supplies.

Needed daily:

1. Several #2 pencils
2. Several black ink ballpoint pens
3. An 8 x 10 or 8½ x 11 spiral notebook (about 250 pages total needed for the year)
4. Lined loose-leaf paper/filler paper
5. A binder or folder to hold returned assignments
6. Binder reminder (school supplied)

Strongly Recommended:

1. Scissors
2. Glue sticks
3. Colored pencils
4. Highlighters (any color)

WEBSITE:

Classroom information, learning aids, worksheets, videos, teacher contact, links, and other information are available at www.door24.org or www.mrchisholm.com.

Assignments can be found on Google Classroom and Aeries.

Copies of this sheet can be obtained from Google Classroom, Aeries, or door24.org/classroom.

Please sign below indicating that you read the rules and policies for Mr. Chisholm's classroom.

Student Name (print first and last name)

Student Signature

Parent Name (print first and last name)

Parent Signature