

World Geography (EBG)

Evidence Based Grading

Final grades in this course will be determined using Evidence Based Grading (EBG). EBG determines grades that reflect what students know, understand, and can do.

Purpose Statement: The purpose of evidence based grading is to provide students with clear learning outcomes and instruction, collaborative feedback, grades that reflect proficiency and growth.

Course Description: Using a thematic approach this course will approach World geography in a style where the many curriculum areas are connected and integrated thematically. This course introduces students to an area of study that brings together and interrelates the important elements of the physical environment of humans. Students will explore fundamental concepts, skills, and practices of human geography. Place, space, and scale serve as a framework for understanding patterns of human experience. Topics for discussion may include globalization, population and migration, culture, diffusion, political and economic systems, language, religion, gender, and ethnicity. As well as the world's geographic regions seen through their defining physical, social, cultural, political, and economic features. These regions are examined in terms of their physical and human characteristics and their interactions.

Attendance: Students are required to be in school every day. Students are responsible for communicating with their teachers to make up for missed learning.

<u>Course Expectations:</u> Although not everything is graded, everything is important. In order to demonstrate growth and learning, students will need to:

- 1. Participate in class activities (take notes, work in a group, complete in class tasks, ask questions) without distractions (cell phones, games, etc.)
- 2. Use morning time and the teacher to seek help outside of class when needed.
- 3. Complete all assessments within teacher timelines.

Grading

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Academic Behavior Goals	Collaborative goals created by the student and teacher to improve academic and personal abilities
Practices	 work and assignments designed to help students <u>build knowledge and skills</u> (daily work, notes, participation work)
Scrimmages	work and assignments designed to <u>formatively assess</u> student progress towards learning targets (quizzes, learning checks)
Games	assignments designed to <u>summatively assess</u> a students achievement of a learning target (tests, essays, projects)

Proficiency Scale											
4	3	2	1								
Exceeds Proficiency	Meets Proficiency	Approaching Proficiency	Developing Foundations								

Course Skills:

Skill #1	Source Analysis
	A. I can analyze and interpret a source
Skill #2	Argumentation
	A. I can identify the elements of argumentsB. I can create an argument
Skill#3	Geographical Comprehension
	A. I can demonstrate geographical comprehension.
Skill #4	Student Citizenship
	A. I can communicate with othersB. I can collaborate with others.C. I can be a productive member of the classroom environment.

Grade Determination:

The proficiency score for each skill will be determined based on recency, growth, and common trends on assessments. Semester Exams will be given to students as a chance to re perform in any skill that has not yet met proficiency.

A	В	С	D	F			
100% - 90%	80% - 89%	70% - 79%	60% - 69%	0% - 59%			
All skills achieved at 3 or 4 levels	All skills achieved at 2, 3 or 4 levels with at most one skill at 2 level	All skills achieved at 2, 3 or 4 levels with two or more skills at 2 level	All skills achieved at 1, 2, 3 or 4 levels with at most one skill at 1 level	All skills achieved at 1, 2, 3 or 4 levels with two or more skills at 1 level			

Central High School Courses:

- -Will determine grades based on student learning and growth.
- -Will not include practice and behavior in grade determination.
- -Will give all students regardless of absence an opportunity to demonstrate learning.

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<u>Instructional Resources</u>: National Geographic Textbook, Youtube, Kahoot, Newsela, Canvas,

Course Calendar/Pacing:

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	Unit 7 Oceania				Semester Exams							2nd Semester (World History)									