**Arnold Magnet Academy**

**7th Grade Magnet Social Studies Syllabus**

**Mrs. Woodson Room 616**

**2016-2017**

**Course Description**:

**Africa, Southwest Asia (Middle East), Southern and Eastern Asia**

Seventh grade is the second year of a two year World Area Studies course. Seventh grade students study Africa and Asia. The goal of this two year course is to acquaint middle school students with the world in which they live. The geography domain includes both physical and human geography. The intent of the geography domain is for students to begin to grasp the importance geography plays in their everyday lives. The government/civics domain focuses on selected types of government found in the various areas in order to help students begin to understand the variety of governments in the world. The economics domain builds on the K-5 economics; however, the focus shifts from the United States to how other countries answer the basic questions of economics. The history domain focuses primarily on significant events in each region from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries (Georgia Department of Education). We also incorporate literacy skills from reading and language arts throughout the instructional year. For a detailed list of subject content and skills covered, please see the standards at the Cherokee County School District website at www.muscogee.k12.ga.us

**Textbook:** People, Places, and Change, Holt

**Course Map**: \*Aug/Sept/Oct – Middle East

 \*Oct/Nov/Dec - Southern and Eastern Asia

 \*Jan/Feb/Mar - Africa

 \*Mar/Apr- Georgia Milestones Test Prep

 \*Apr/May- 8th Grade Preview

**Supply List**: See school supply list on Arnold Magnet Academy website

**Classroom Expectations**: Respect, Responsibility, Classroom Etiquette, Self-Control

**Grading Policy**: Tests/Projects 25%

Quizzes 25%

 Classwork 25%

 Homework 25%

**Classwork/Homework/Quizzes**: Students will complete in class assignments for grades. Additionally, announced AND unannounced quizzes will be administered throughout the social studies unit. Homework, when assigned, should be completed and turned in on the designated time. Students are expected to WRITE down ALL homework/important dates in their student agenda.

**Late Work:** Turning in assignments late will result in a loss of 25 percentage points from the graded assignment. Students must turn in the late assignment within three days of the assignment’s due date to receive credit. After the three days, the grade will be entered in the teacher’s grade book as an NHI (*Not Handed In*), which calculates as a zero; however, students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements with the teacher to discuss grade recovery opportunities before or after school.

**Tests/Projects**: Evaluations/tests will be administered at the end of units. Typically, students will have at least one project per grading period. These projects will require several days of research and preparation which might be completed outside of the designated classroom time. The depth and rigor associated with an advanced class will be delivered by the instructor. Therefore advanced performance will be expected. However, this does not mean ‘just more work.” The advanced class will endeavor to expand the content knowledge of the students and give opportunities for unique expressions of learning.

**Make-up work:** The responsibility for arranging to complete work missed is to be assumed by the student and parent/guardian in conjunction with the teacher. Make-up work is to be completed at the time specified by the teacher.” (CCSD)

**Progress Report Dates**: September 8th, February 13th, and November 14th

**Report Card Dates**: Oct. 18th, Jan. 17th, Mar. 30th, and May 26 (mailed)

**Teacher Email**: currie.constance.n@muscogee.k12.ga.us

\*This syllabus is subject to change.

*Please cut and return this portion indicating that both student and parent have read and understood the course syllabus for* ***Magnet/Traditional 7th Grade Social Studies****. Please retain and place syllabus in student notebook for future reference. Syllabus is posted on teacher’s website.*

*Student Signature/Date*

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date