

Geography Syllabus
Ms. Musco
½ Year Course – Spring

Wilby High Core Values and Beliefs

The students, faculty, staff, and administration of Wilby High School will work cooperatively with families, members of the community, and the Board of Education to create a safe, welcoming, and academic environment which embraces, challenges, and nurtures the diverse talents, interests, and learning styles of all its students. All students will leave Wilby High School with the self-respect, respect for others, knowledge, and skills necessary to become independent, intellectually curious, and self-fulfilled members of society.

Course Description: In the study of geography, students utilize physical and cultural perspectives to examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international levels. Students describe the influence of geography on the events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. The course emphasizes physical geography and human geography to compare how components of culture shape the regional characteristics. Significant importance is placed on cultural understanding, map locations, critical thinking issues, and usage of technology in research and presentation. impact of technology Students use problem-solving and decision-making skills to ask and answer geographic questions.

Text: World Geography Today, Sager, Robert; Holt, 2008.

Unit1: The Geographer's World

- Five Themes and Essential Elements
- Organizing Our World through the Use of Geography
- Branches of Geography
- Special Maps
- Tools of Geography

Unit2: Weather and Climate

- Factors affecting Climate
- Weather Factors
- Climate and Vegetation Patterns
- Climate Graphs

Unit3: Human Geography

- Population Geography
- Cultural Geography
- World Languages and Religion

Unit4: Waterbury Geography

- Brass City
- Industry in Waterbury
- Industrial Effects on Human/Physical of Waterbury
- Brownfields
- Economic Factors relating to Geography

Unit5: The World in Spatial Terms

- United States
- Canada
- Middle and South America
- Central America and the Caribbean
- Europe
- Asia

- Africa
- Pacific World