

6th Grade Social Studies

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Course Information

We will be following the Hawaii Core Standards in Social Studies (HCSSS) as well as the Common Core State Standards in ELA. This course will apply students' prior knowledge and skills in geography to understand the relations between physical environment and human existence. We will also cover ancient world history topics beginning with the earliest ancient civilizations.

Online Platform

In this class we will be using **Google Classroom** as the online learning platform. Please check Google Classroom and email daily for assignments, due dates, discussions, and announcements.

In-Person expectations

- Bring all necessary materials daily: planner, computer
- Write down assignments and due dates in planner daily
- Listen, observe, and participate with a positive attitude
- Follow all classroom and school rules; respect myself, others, and my environment
 - Follow social distancing guidelines: wear masks/face shields, space 6 ft. apart

Online Meeting Expectations

- **Be on Time** - Be on time and prepared with your device charged. Close material and tabs from other classes. Make sure all tech works 5-10 minutes before the meeting.
- **Mute yourself** - Mute yourself right away to eliminate background noise.
- **Presentation** - Consider your surroundings and attire. Find a good spot in the home with few distractions and make sure you're wearing something appropriate for the day.
- **Headphones** - Use headphones if you have them. If your headphones or earbuds have a microphone, even better.
- **Signals** - Use hand signals:
 - Thumbs up = Yes/Thumbs down = No
 - Hand by ear = Can't hear
 - Raise hand = Have a comment
- **Be Respectful** - Follow the agreements of the group.
- **Adhere to TRUF for appropriate use of technology**

Consequences for behavior problems:

1. Verbal Warning (and name on board)
2. Talk to teacher after class (tally mark next to name)
3. Parents Notified (two tally marks next to name)
4. Referral to Counselor/ VP (recurring problem)

Grading (Weights & Grading Policy)

Grades can be monitored online at [InfiniteCampus.org](https://www.infinitecampus.org) (log-in information to be given out in AA) and will be updated on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. Parents and students may email with any questions or concerns.

<u>4-point grading scale</u> 4 = 100 - 85.1 % = A 3 = 85 - 60.1 % = B 2 = 60 - 47.6 % = C 1 = 47.5 - 22.6 % = D	<u>Weighted Categories</u> Notebook Entries/ Summaries: 30% Class Activities: 30% Projects, Tests, Essays: 40%
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Retake/Makeup Policy

1. Assignments must be complete and submitted by 2:15 pm. Late assignments will lose partial points each day it is late. Late work will not be accepted after one week.
2. If a student misses class, *they* are responsible for making up missed work and/or tests. Students have one week after they return to class to complete missed work. After that it will not be accepted.
3. Students may re-take a test one time. Only students that receive a 3 (84%) or below may retake and will not receive higher than a 3.5 for their retake score.

How/When to contact for additional support

Best way to contact the teacher is through email. Messages will be responded to within 24 hours. IMPORTANT FORMAT: In subject line please include: Period # - Reason for contact (ex. Period 2 - missing grade)

Platform being used for online meetings

Google meets link will be at the top of the Google Classroom page.

What to do if the system crashes/cannot access link/tech issues?

- Ohana Help Desk <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/ohana-help-desk-portal/>
- If you have tech issues that cannot be resolved through the Ohana Help Desk, please email me immediately. If I am not able to respond try to use these alternatives to do work for the time being:
 - If you are not able to get into the video chat, you can call in to listen using the information posted below the meeting link. Email me to let me know that you cannot get on and that you are calling in that day (for attendance).
 - If there is an issue with editing or opening an assignment, open up a blank google doc or word doc and do assignment through there. Either copy and paste it to the assignment once the problem is fixed or email the doc to the teacher.
 - If there is an internet issue, write down work in notebook or on a piece of paper. Either take a picture of it and email it or retype it once the computer or internet is available.

Parent Contact

Please be sure your emergency contact information is up to date in Infinite Campus and on school emergency card. See school website or call office for questions (587-4520).