

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Class Guidelines for Maintaining a Proper Learning Environment. All HNHS standards of behavior apply to this classroom. Additionally, all students are expected to participate during class, by asking questions, taking part in discussions, doing work independently and in small groups, and by making presentations. Participation is generally positive, but in some cases it might affect the learning environment negatively. Therefore, the following are important guidelines for everyone to follow:

- **Respect yourself and others.**
 - Be cooperative and encouraging.
 - Listen attentively when someone else is speaking to the class, even if you don't agree with her.
 - Refrain from putting people down or making snide remarks.
 - Keep your space in the classroom neat and clean.
- **Come to class prepared** to study Social Studies with paper, pen, textbook and any additional assigned materials.
 - Bottled water is the only drink and food allowed in class.
 - The focus of this class is Social Studies; therefore, activities like beauty maintenance, sleeping, reading magazines, and doing homework for other classes are all unacceptable unless I have designated some free time.
- **Stay in your seat throughout the class** unless I specifically direct otherwise (i.e., group work).
 - Throw away any garbage (please recycle!) AFTER class is over.
 - Do not leave your seat until the bell rings.
- **Raise your hand** and wait for me to call on you if you have questions to ask or comments to make.
 - During lecture, the only voice in the classroom should be the lecturer's or someone making a presentation.
 - During a class presentation, hold your questions until the end of the presentation.
 - Talking with others during lectures and presentations is unacceptable.
- **Voice volume** must always be appropriate for the nature of the task (group work, asking questions, participating in discussion, giving presentations).
 - When asking questions, making a presentation, or participating in a class discussion, speak loud enough to be heard by the entire class.
 - When working in groups, talk quietly with the people in your group.
 - If asked to lower your voice, do so immediately and keep it lowered.
 - Yelling or shouting or being rude or disrespectful is never acceptable.