**Buford High School**

**Course Syllabus**

**Course Title:** Honors World Geography **Term:** 2018 - 2019 School Year

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**Office Hours:** M & W from 2:45 - 3:30 PM & T & Th from 7:10 - 7:40 AM

**Course Description**

The world geography course provides students with an analytical view of how geographic factors have and continue

to influence human behavior on the earth. Students will examine how the physical and cultural geographic factors

contribute to varying levels of cooperation within the major world regions. Additionally, students will examine the

importance that political, environmental, and economic factors have in a region’s development.

**Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE)**

**GOAL 1:** Map & Globe Skills -The student will use maps to retrieve social studies information.

**GOAL 2:** Information Processing Skills - The student will be able to locate, analyze, and synthesize

information related to social studies topics and apply this information to solve problems/make

decisions.

**SSWG 1:** Explain why physical characteristics of place such as landforms, bodies of water, climate, and

natural resources act as contributing factors to world settlement patterns.

**SSWG 2:** Evaluate how the physical and human characteristics of places and regions are connected to

human identities and cultures.

**SSWG 3:** Evaluate how cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of the

earth’s surface.

**SSWG 4:** Assess the characteristics, spatial distribution, and migration of human populations on the

earth’s surface.

**SSWG 5:** Analyze human interactions with the world’s environments.

**SSWG 6:** Examine the spatial distribution of major economic systems and analyze the role geography

plays in economic development.

**Course Units**

**Fall Semester 2018 Spring Semester 2019**

Unit One - Population & Health Unit Seven - The Middle East

Unit Two - Political & Geography Unit Eight - Europe & Russia

Unit Three - Economic Geography Unit Nine - Central & South Asia

Unit Four - Cultural Geography Unit Ten - East Asia, SE Asia, & Oceania

Unit Five - Physical Geography Unit Eleven - Latin America

Unit Six - Sub-Saharan Africa Unit Twelve - USA & Canada

**Grading**

| Assignments Categories | Category Weights | BHS Grading Scale |
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| Daily/Quiz  Tests  Benchmarks  Writing | 20%  40%  30%  10% | A: 90 and above  B: 80 - 89  C: 70 - 79  F: 69 and below |

**NOTE: Assignments may be turned in one day late but are only worth 70% of the grade earned.**

**Honors & AP Points:** A student must have a grade of 70 or higher in order to receive the 5 point

honors and 10 point AP bonus at the end of the semester.

**Miscellaneous**

**BHS Honor Code:** All BHS students will strictly adhere to this code which is posted on the BHS website

**Make-Up Work:** All pre-assigned work will be due on the day of a student’s return from an absence.

For assignments that are not pre-assigned, students must see Mr. Shawcross on the day they return to school to make arrangements to make-up their work.

**This is YOUR responsibility!!**

**Food & Drink:** No food is allowed in the classroom. This is a BHS policy. You may have food in the

Commons, the basketball concessions area, & in the Field House. You may have BOTTLED

drinks in my class. Drinks from the coffee shop are not allowed.

**Desktop:** Purses & stacks of books are not allowed on top of your desk during class.

**Daily Class Materials:** Bring your HWG binder, approved writing utensils, & your colored pencils to class

every day.

**Student Work:** Every piece of work you turn in to Mr. Shawcross should look neat and professional.

Your first AND last name should be on every item you turn in.

**Assessments:** Your desk should be clear of all of your belongings as should the aisles between desks. Smart

watches should be removed before testing.

**Hall Passes:** I will only write you a hall pass for TWO reasons: restroom & to the clinic. Do not ask to go to

the front office, the field house, your locker, or to another teacher’s classroom during class.

**All policies outlined in the BCSS Code of Conduct & the BHS Student Handbook will be enforced and followed in Mr. Shawcross’ classroom.**

1. If it does not belong to you, do not touch it. Respect others & their

belongings.

2. Treat people the way you wish to be treated. Be considerate of others.

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**I have read and I understand the syllabus for Honors World Geography**

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Student’s e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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