**2018-2019**

**8th Grade Georgia Studies**

**Course Syllabus**

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**Course Description:** In eighth grade, students study Georgia geography, history, government, and economics. While the four strands are interwoven, ample opportunity is also provided for in-depth study of the geography of Georgia and the government of Georgia. U.S. historical events are included, as appropriate, to ensure students understand Georgia’s role in the history of the United States.

**Course Text:**

Students will have access to *Georgia Studies for Georgia Students,* published by Clairmont Press. This textbook is a **class set** and will therefore be kept in the classroom throughout the year. However, students can access the textbook online at <http://www.authpro.com/auth/clairmontprsMSHGA17/> using the username and password they set up at school. Learning will be supplemented with internet and teacher created resources (Ex: PowerPoints, activity sheets, videos). These materials are provided in the classroom and are to be kept in personal student binders for easy reference.

**Course Grading Policy:**

Summative Assessments

Tests & DBQs – 40%

Quizzes & Projects – 30%

Formative Assessments

Graded Classwork – 20%

Completion Grade Classwork & Homework – 10%

**Late Work Policy:** Assignments must be turned in on time in order to receive full credit. Ten points will be deducted for each day an assignment is late.

**Make-Up Work Policy:** It is the responsibility of the student to make up and turn in any assignments missed due to absence. Students will have as many days as they were absent to make up and turn in all missed assignments.

**Tentative Course Schedule:**

Introduction – Big Ideas/Connecting Themes (1 week)

Unit 1 – Georgia’s Beginnings (2 weeks)

Unit 2 – Exploration & Colonization (3 weeks)

Unit 3 – Statehood (4 weeks)

Unit 4 – Civil War (3 weeks)

Unit 5 – New South (3 weeks)

Unit 6 – 20th Century (3 weeks)

Unit 7 – Post WWII Georgia (3 weeks)

Unit 8 – Civil Rights (3 weeks)

Unit 9 – Modern Georgia (2 weeks)

Unit 10 – State & Local Government (4 weeks)

Unit 11 – Juvenile Justice System (2 weeks)

Unit 12 – Personal Finance (1 week)