

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your son/daughter has enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) United States History for the upcoming school year. For the college bound student, this course provides a college level experience and an opportunity to develop those skills that will be necessary to succeed in college, improve test performance on college entrance exams and to potentially earn college credit by passing the AP Exam.

Due to the challenging and rigorous nature of the curriculum, students who aspire to be successful in this course will need demonstrate a commitment to scholarship that may be unlike any course in which you have previously enrolled. Students will need to be self-motivated, active in all classroom activities, consistently focused on course requirements and engaged in ongoing study, review and preparation.

Below is a brief description of the course and the expectations of the class (for a more in depth summary of the course, read the course syllabus that has been provided to your child or check for it on our class website at www.mrzsneighborhood.com):

Advanced Placement (AP) United States History (Course Number 7081, 7082, 7083)

- AP U.S. History replaces the required sophomore U.S. History courses (A and B) for graduation credit.
- Meets daily for 50 minutes, and is required for all three Trimesters (Fall, Winter and Spring).
- College credit may be given by the College Board upon passing the Advance Placement Test given in May. Details about costs and dates will be provided to students as they are made available.
- The curriculum is established by the College Board and includes a study of United States History from the Pre-Columbian period through the end of the 20th century.
- This AP course makes demands on the students equivalent to those of an introductory college course and requires the student to read extensively, master a large body of historical information, analyze and interpret documents and write critical essays.
- Approximately 5-6 hours of homework can be expected each week. The majority of this work includes reading and taking notes from a college text (and additional primary and secondary readings) and writing essays.
- Students will need to bring a 3 Ring binder with loose leaf paper to class each day
- Our course text, *The American Pageant*, does NOT need to be brought to class each day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Osseo Senior High School (763-391-8500) or email me at zelenakg@district279.org.

Sincerely,

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