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<b>Course Name</b>	AP Human Geography			
<b>Course Description</b>	The AP Human Geography course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use and alteration of Earth's surface. Students learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and application.			
<b>Unit of Study</b>	<b>Approximate Time Spent or Percent of time Spent</b>	<b>Targeted Date of Assessment</b>	<b>Content Standards/Grade Level Expectations</b>	
Geography: Its Nature & Perspectives	3 Weeks	9/7/18	A detailed view of Colorado Content Standards can be viewed at the Colorado Department of Education Homepage. <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/documents/cosocialstudies/documents/socstudies_hs.pdf">http://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/documents/cosocialstudies/documents/socstudies_hs.pdf</a>	
Population & Migration	4 Weeks	10/5/18	<b>College Board Outcomes:</b>  Interpret maps and analyze geospatial data.  Understand the associations and networks among phenomena in particular places and explain their implications.  Recognize and interpret the relationships among patterns and processes at different scales of analysis.  Define regions and evaluate the regionalization process.	
Cultural Patterns & Processes	6 Weeks	11/16/18		
Political Organization of Space	4 Weeks	12/21/18		
Agriculture & Rural Land Use	4 weeks	2/1/19		
Industrialization & Economic Development	4 weeks	3/1/19		
Cities and Urban Land Use	4 weeks	4/5/19		
AP Exam Prep & Class Final Exam	4 weeks	5/3/19		
AP Exam @ ESC 7am-12pm	1 day	5/14		

Assessment/Practice Proficiency Levels	
<b>4</b>	Advanced Understanding of the Standard
<b>3</b>	Meets the Standard
<b>2</b>	Approaching the Standard
<b>1</b>	Does not Meet the Standard
<b>S</b>	Satisfactory
<b>I</b>	Incomplete
<b>U</b>	Unsatisfactory

Course Grade Scale	
<b>A</b>	89.5 - 100
<b>B</b>	79.5 – 89.4
<b>C</b>	69.5 – 79.4
<b>D</b>	59.5 – 69.4
<b>F</b>	0 – 59.4

Grade Reporting Criteria/Weights	
<b>GRC Content Assessments</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>GRC Writing Assessments</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>GRC Mastering Geo Quizzes &amp; Field Studies</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>GRC Practice (Reading Notes &amp; Activities)</b>	<b>10%</b>
Grades are based on achievement of Content Standards and Grade Level Expectations. *Weekly progress grades are posted at <a href="https://ic.adasm12.org/campus/portal/adams12.isp">https://ic.adasm12.org/campus/portal/adams12.isp</a>	



#### General Grading Policies

- Grades are based upon the demonstration of proficiency on units associated within specific grade reporting criteria and are reflective of the categories used to determine AP Exam test scores.
- Wherever practical, students are given multiple opportunities to demonstrate their current level of understanding and mastery of standards.
- Students are only offered a multiple opportunity if their absence was justifiably excused. Teachers may deny a multiple opportunity if the student is unexcused or if a student has a single period excused absence without a parent signing the student out or a doctor's note.
- **Missing or incomplete assignments:** Superintendent Policies 6280 Homework and 6281 Make-Up Work will be followed for this course. They state that it is the student's responsibility to request and obtain missing work. When a student has an excused absence, the student has the same number of days they were absent plus one day to make up assignments. Students who are unexcused may not be able to receive feedback from practice prior to required assessments.
- Late and missing practice work will be accepted up to the day of the unit exam, no late or missing work will be accepted after the unit exam.

#### Class Expectations

- **Be Present**
- **Be On Time**
- **Be Prepared**
- **Be On Task & Engaged**
- **Be Nice & Respectful**

#### Class Procedures

##### Attendance Notification & Auto Caller

- Attendance will be taken to start each class. Please make use of the infinite campus application and make sure you have the appropriate number for the auto caller registered with the attendance office.
- Students and parents can monitor attendance by creating an infinite campus user account. You can find the website link at the bottom of the MRHS website. You can also download and use the infinite campus ap.
- The school auto caller will also send out a notification of class absences for morning classes at the end of third period. At the end of the school day a second auto caller message will notify you of class absences.

##### Makeup Practice Work & Assessments

- Daily agendas can be found on the class website bookmark it, review it when absent and complete any assignments that may be linked.
- Handouts can be found in the daily folders in the file box at the front of room upon your return and are often linked on the website.
- Remember missed work due to an **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT.**

##### Retakes & Expected Use of Wednesday Access Period

- Access period occurs so that all students and teachers have a common off hour at least once per week. Access is scheduled every Tuesday from 7:10-7:55 and Wednesday from 11:50-12:30. This was not built into the schedule for you to have a day to sleep in, make use of it or lose learning opportunities.
- Retake tests will be scheduled for the access period following test correction activities so plan on being in access if you intend to improve test scores and your overall grade.

##### Infinite Campus & Grade Notifications

- Parental and self-monitoring of grades can be done by creating an infinite campus account. Please refer to the Mountain Range High School home page, the link for infinite campus can be found at the bottom of the page.
- Every Thursday teachers are required to submit the grades of their students by 3:00 PM and are used for eligibility reporting on Friday. These eligibility grades are final until the next Friday grade report unless an error has been made by the instructor. Please remember the Friday grades are reflective of what your grade was on Thursday since this is when teachers have to post them.

##### Chromebook Assignment & Maintenance

- Use your assigned device and keep me informed of any problems with the device verbally and in writing. Written documentation should be completed on the computer checkout sheet.
- All devices must be stored and charging correctly before class is dismissed.
- You are responsible for the repair of damaged device if you cause its disrepair purposefully or due to negligence. Please give special care to class equipment including paper sources.