

Good Morning,

My name is Michael Crooks and I am the AP Human Geography teacher at Chattahoochee High School. I wanted to let all parents of rising ninth graders know about an opportunity for your student to take AP Human Geography during their freshman year. AP Human Geography is an advanced placement social studies elective offered to all grade levels at Chattahoochee High School. However, at many schools around the state the class is offered exclusively to freshmen. The reason for this is that AP Human Geography works as a great introduction to the Advanced Placement program. I work with students not only with content but also with study skills, note taking tips, and reading strategies to help them become prepared for the rest of their high school careers as well as their eventual college careers. The class itself covers how humans have affected the world around them. We will cover such topics as Population, Pop Culture, Religion, Language, Agriculture, Development, Urban Planning, and Economics. The class does an excellent job of introducing students to the wide range of subjects within the social science field, which in turn helps prepare students for the other social studies classes they will be taking at Chattahoochee. Throughout the class students will also be participating in hands on activities that tie into our content. For example, as we cover different cultures students will be participating in a cricket match to help them understand the national pastimes of other countries. During our agriculture unit students will be creating a Food Network Cooking show pilot. In our urban planning unit students will be creating their own cities using different food products, and in our development unit students will use the countries of the world in fantasy football style tournament as we discuss development factors of countries. If any of this sounds interesting to you or your child please feel free to email me at crooksma@fultonschools.org if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your time and have a wonderful day

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