



# Edna Karr Secondary School



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Dear Parents,

By way of introduction my name is Roch Weilbaeher and I will have the pleasure to teach your child. This year I will teach U.S. History and serve as ACSA Project Director for the Department of Education Teaching American History Grants. I am a Nationally Board Certified Teacher and possess a Masters Degree in Education. I have been teaching for 23 years, 20 of which have been at Edna Karr. I also serve as the Karr Athletic Director.

Class grading policy is as follows: Semester Exam – 25%, Homework – 25%, Quizzes/Projects – 25% and Test – 25%. Each student is expected to wear ID's and proper uniforms daily. Students are expected to keep track of their grades & update you bi-weekly. Every quiz and test is returned to all students and then reviewed by me in class to use as a study guide for tests/exams. I also post all class activities online at: [www.ednakarr.org](http://www.ednakarr.org)

Class rules are very simple: 1. Be ON time – Tardiness is **NOT** tolerated; 2. Use the restroom before you come to class; 3. Get help before exam time – don't expect a last second miracle with grades; 4. Be an ACTIVE learner – get involved in class. After that, follow ALL school rules (no cell phones, etc.). Our *American Anthem* textbook cost \$ 74 so students MUST return textbooks in May in **VERY** good condition (so use bookcovers).

We will have either homework, reading, project or study work (for a quiz or test) nightly. I expect students to ask questions. I arrive at school by 8am most mornings and am available for extra help until we begin homeroom. I will also be available after school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday once basketball season begins in late September. If you need to schedule an appointment the best time is from 8am until 9am at 1<sup>st</sup> period. Please call 302-7135. All students are expected to adhere strictly to the academic honesty policy as set forth in the Karr handbook. Open house is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and I look forward to meeting each of you then to discuss in more detail how we can best prepare your child for college. The basic outline and goals (full outline listed on my webpage at [www.ednakarr.org](http://www.ednakarr.org)) for my full-year (1 credit) U.S. History class is detailed below:

Introduce students to topics from the end of Reconstruction to the present so they may examine in depth the topics that seem to be at the root of particular causes in certain time frames. I will also prepare students to face the Social Studies portion of the GEE (LEAP) Test in April, which they MUST pass in order to graduate.

Thanking you in advance for allowing me to teach your child and for the help and cooperation that we will have the entire school year, I am sincerely yours in youth,

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