

# Pojoaque Valley Middle School

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade NM History Ms. Valdez

Hello! My name is Roxanne Valdez. I will be your child's New Mexico History teacher. I'm a mother of two wonderful children. I have my BA in Elementary and Special Education. I have my MA in Special Education and am continuing my education to obtain an Educational Diagnostician license. I have been with the Pojoaque Valley Schools for 12 years. I look forward to having your child in class and having a wonderful 2016-17 school year. I can be reached at [rhv@pvs.k12.nm.us](mailto:rhv@pvs.k12.nm.us) or (505)455-2238. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

**Class Summary:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies will focus on New Mexico History. There are eight units that will be covered during the year. Throughout each unit, students will continuously make connections with the past and present times. Students will learn to effectively take notes on the subject matter in order to prepare them for future history classes. This will give students a solid foundation, in which they can build upon their prior Social Studies knowledge. 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies will focus on main themes but not limited to Geography, History, Culture, and Economics. Each Unit will help students build and utilize a variety of different skills. In Geography for example, students will practice different map reading skills such as learning to read Topographical Maps. Students will be required to keep a notebook in class, which will be for Do Now's, and they will be needing loose leaf paper for note-taking. Students will be assessed on notes from lectures, quizzes, tests, projects, group work, etc.

### **Textbooks**

Students will be using The New Mexico Journey textbook. Students have been issued a book that they will need to bring to class every day and then returned at the end of the course.

### **Homework policy:**

Students are expected to turn work in on time. Students who miss work because of an absence will receive the opportunity to make up missed work. Students are given one calendar day for each day absent to turn in their work. It's the students' responsibility to get work missed due to an absence.

**Projects:** Projects include research reports, 3-D models, group projects and any other assignments designated as projects. Students will create four major projects (two with a partner and two will be individual) at home and will be part of their end of the 9-weeks grade. Students will be given a sufficient amount of time to complete these projects in class and/or at home.

Respectfully,  
Roxanne Valdez