

Ms. Harrington's Classroom Rules and Expectations

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Classroom Rules and Expectations for Reading and Learning Lab

- Maintain respect for everyone and their property.** This means no horseplay, no rude or foul language, and no bullying. Treat people how you would like to be treated. No one will interfere with another's right to learn. Should I be absent, I expect you to behave while under the supervision of a substitute teacher. Misbehaviors will be recorded and dealt with when I return! Eating and chewing gum in class are NOT PERMITTED - except when Ms. H provides treats or permits you to have food in class (ex: rewards parties). Do NOT write on desks! Keep the room clean. Do your best and be honest!
- Be prepared for class.** Come to class with a positive attitude. Bring your book, homework, agenda, sharpened pencils, paper, a silent reading book, and your binder each day for class. Be in your seat and ready to learn when the bell rings. Class activities begin immediately and end only when I dismiss class. We have an allotted amount of time, and I expect you to respect that time as our time together and be engaged in learning. Three tardies warrant detention.
- Remain in the classroom until permission is granted to leave the room.** You will be dismissed by me - not the bell. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom without permission.
- Locker/Hall/Bathroom Passes:** Each student will be given 3 passes per quarter. You are not allowed to leave the room without a pass from me unless it is an emergency. Use the restroom during your 3-minute passing period. Do NOT ask while I am actively teaching. Use passes wisely!
- Everyone will work during class time.** You will not be allowed to work on other subjects unless you have completed the day's instruction first and have permission. Bring a silent reading book or something to work on if you finish early. We will work until the bell each day.
- Do your own work!** Any student found cheating on a test or assignment will receive a **zero** unless eligible for a 24-hour extension to redo "an assignment" for a maximum grade of **69% D**. This redo will be determined by me! Plagiarism will result in a maximum redo for a **69% D**.
- Take responsibility for your own behavior and choices!** Respect is everything. Think about your words and how you say things. Everyone deserves the best environment to learn. Even if you don't enjoy or want to do something or someone, show respect. You don't have to like everyone/thing, but you **MUST** show respect. If you exhibit poor behavior, own it. Don't make excuses. Excuses are like armpits. Everyone has them, and they stink. Be honest. Once a lie is told, it is difficult to regain trust. There is a consequence for every choice we make. Consequences are like vegetables. You may not like them, but we must accept them and swallow them. All misbehaviors will be documented. If you know the expectations, the smoother the road we travel together will be.

Grading Procedures and Policy

- Grading is based on assignments, quizzes/tests, participation, discussions/activities, and projects.
- Homework will be posted on the school's Homework Hotline page, in the classroom, and Google Classroom. You should record assignments down in your agenda as a reminder.**
- Extra Credit:** Extra credit can be earned throughout the year by reading age and grade level appropriate books. Extra credit points will be earned by passing (70% or higher) AR tests. Points will be awarded based on the AR test. For instance, if you receive a 7/10 on the AR test on a maximum 12 point book, you will be awarded 8.4 points. **Extra credit points may not exceed 10% of the overall grade each quarter.** If we have a 425-point quarter, the maximum amount of extra credit earned for that quarter is 42.5 points.
- Late Work:** Failure to turn in an assignment will result in a zero. I accept late work throughout the quarter, but the ideal thing to do is turn in all work by the deadline so you don't fall behind and your grade will not suffer.
- No Name Assignments:** No name papers will be accepted with a 10% deduction if claimed.

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Absences

- Excused Absences:** You are given 2 days per excused absence to turn in assignments.
- Unexcused Absences:** You are given 1 day to turn in any missed assignments.
- School-related Absences and Activities:** It is up to **YOU** to check with me **BEFORE** leaving for an event for the work you will miss and to turn it in when it is due!
- Pre-arranged Absences:** If you have a pre-arranged absence (known scheduled absence like family trips, doctor appointments), it is your responsibility to see me to get your homework assignments **BEFORE** you leave! Class doesn't stop just because you are not here. Therefore, we will discuss due dates for assignments, tests, or any activities you miss. This will be a case-by-case situation and may not necessarily follow the excused/unexcused absence due policy. **ALL PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE WORK IS DUE THE DAY YOU RETURN OR BEFORE BASED ON YOUR SITUATION!**
- Since You Been Gone Tray:** After signing your absence slip, all missed work should be picked up by **YOU** in the "Since you Been Gone" tray at the front of the classroom. If you have questions regarding the missed work, **ASK!** I am more than willing to help you understand the material.

Simplified Classroom Disruption Policy

- This policy assists in creating a positive environment in which all students can learn. For recurring classroom disruptions, such as: continuous talking, frequently out of seat, chewing gum, candy, or objects (choking hazards can be distractions), late assignments, leaving books and belongings, not prepared for class, and refusing to work will warrant in referrals and detentions. Constant disruptive behaviors will result in a deduction of participation points towards your grade. These behaviors pull other students off-task and take time away from instruction since I have to redirect the students and address the issue. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.
- PBIS will be implemented in classes/learning lab. Digital tokens are awarded for positive behaviors.

As your teacher, I look forward to helping you successfully complete your junior high years and prepare you for high school and your future. I cannot read your mind, so I encourage you to always feel comfortable asking questions when you do not understand something.

****Note:** This cannot possibly cover every situation throughout the year. The teacher reserves the right to change or add to any of these rules throughout the year without prior notification. However, you will be notified of any changes. Feel free to contact Ms. Harrington through the school phone or my email.

Please sign and verify that you are aware of the rules and expectations policy and return to me. Return by Friday, August 19, 2022 for 5 extra credit points towards your class grade. I keep these on file.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Teacher Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Contact Information: Indicate preferred method(s) of contact. Note: Email is the quickest form to notify me and vice versa. **Please, include an email address so you can receive communication from me.**

Parent/Guardian Phone 1: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone 2: _____

Parent/Guardian Email 1: _____ Parent/Guardian Email 2: _____