

CLASS POLICIES

General Behavior

Everyone is required to be respectful and polite at all times. Kindness and helpfulness are expected. These classes must be comfortable, safe places to learn, and any behavior that would make it uncomfortable for anyone to come to school is not allowed.

Effort, Attitude & Participation

These are the three pillars of success for all classes!

Regular Effort

Effort is necessary for success. You can have a photographic memory and ace all the tests, but you will not learn what you need to or earn a good grade unless you regularly challenge yourself in all class activities.

Respectful Attitude

Kindness and respect for yourself and others are requirements for achievement both inside and outside of the high school walls. Rudeness, offhand or discourteous behavior to students or the teacher will hurt your grade!

Consistency of Participation

Be here, be involved, and don't sleep! Do what you are supposed to do in class – never work on stuff for another subject, never put your head down, don't talk at inappropriate times, follow instructions, be respectful of everyone, and jump in with ideas and questions.

Attendance

Coming to class is necessary for success! It is important for your understanding of the class and your grade, so be sure to come all the time.

Excused Absences

More than five absences per semester will be considered excessive and affect your grade.

Tardies & Cuts

Four or more tardies and one or more cuts will hurt your grade. If you do have to enter late, come in quietly and go straight to your seat.

Late Work & Deadlines

Excused Late Work

This must be cleared with attendance office prior to returning to class, and you have the same number of days you were excused absent plus one to turn it in. For example, if you were out sick for three days, you have four days to turn in your missing work. If you were out just one day, you have two days to make it up.

Unexcused Late Work

If you were just lazy or forgetful, you have until the unit test to turn in the assignment for half credit. You should do this – it helps you learn for the test, and a few scores of 50% are a lot easier on your semester grade than the same number of zeros! *However, work cannot be made up if you:*

- Were suspended
- Were sent to SRC
- Cut class or had an unexcused absence
- Misbehaved in a way that kept yourself or others from completing the assignment

Negotiating Deadlines

This is a *rare* opportunity meant only for extenuating circumstances that happen only once or twice a year. A request for a different deadline must be discussed with the teacher at least 24 hours before the

assignment is due and may require a parent or doctor note – remember that this privilege will not always be granted! There is no negotiation on the deadlines of big projects.

Big Projects

There is no excuse for lateness and no negotiation on deadlines for big projects. The project must be on time even if you aren't. The penalty for late projects is:

- If the project is later than the moment collected but still turned in the same day, minus 5%.
- One day late, minus 10%
- Two days late, minus 20%
- Three days late, minus 30%
- Four days late, minus 40%
- Five to seven days late = half credit
- Not accepted at all after one week late

Miscellaneous

Hats, Sunglasses & School Dress Code

No hats or sunglasses are allowed in the classroom at any time. School dress code policies always apply.

Electronics

No electronics are allowed out of a zipped backpack at any time – this means no cell phones, video games, pagers, cameras, calculators, or anything else! Translators can be used only with teacher permission and after a discussion with your ELD teacher.

Assignment Headings

All assignments in these classes need to have the following heading:

- Upper right-hand corner = your name, period & teacher, date
- Centered & underlined = Title of the Assignment

Academic Dishonesty

This includes, but is not limited to; copying homework, cheating on tests, plagiarizing, giving or receiving answers at inappropriate times. Since effort is valued and dishonesty is not tolerated, the following consequences apply:

- 1st Offense - Zero on the assignment, call home to parents, conference with the Assistant Principal
- 2nd Offense - F for the semester, call home to parents, conference with the Assistant Principal