Welcome to Computer Science Principles

This is **non-CE** course, no college credit is available from this course.

Classroom Policies

- Games: Gaming is not allowed on school computers. If you're done with the current assignment, you should work on other class's work.
- Tardies: If I am in the middle of a lesson, please take your seat quickly and quietly and remind me to change the attendance when I am finished. Otherwise, remind me to change the attendance to show that you were not absent.
- Headphones: Being a project based classroom, I play music often during work time and allow students to listen to their own. There are also times where video tutorials are assigned and they're much easier to listen to through personal headphones instead of the whole class listening through their own computer speakers. I do not have extra headphones to loan out, you must bring your own.

Grading Policy

- Late Assignments: All late assignments and quizzes will earn a maximum of 50%. Passes for late work **will only be accepted** in the same quarter it was assigned in.
- Late Passes: At the beginning of each semester, students will receive 5 late passes. Students can exchange 1 pass to turn in a late assignment or take a quiz late without penalty or to correct an assignment for full credit. Any remaining passes can be exchanged for 2 extra credit points on the state test.
- Improving an Assignment Score: If you receive a score you don't like on an assignment, it can be resubmitted with a late pass until you get full points (unlimited submissions per pass). Late passes are automatically used unless instructed otherwise. Mr. Simonsen does not give out extra credit assignments.
- Students with **excused** absences need to meet with me to determine a new due date for missed assignments.

Talk to Me

I am able to make reasonable accommodations for students with or without disabilities. If for any reason you feel that you are struggling in my class come see me before school, after school, during lunch, or send me an email. It is my job to ensure that you learn and my goal that you have fun while doing it. I am always open to suggestions on how to improve. I do not have standing office hours, but am available to appointments. You can try just stopping by, but I may not be able to give you my full attention without an appointment.

Course Breakdown

This semester long course is broken down into 2 quarters which will each receive a separate grade.

First Quarter

Videos

Students will be going through the *Crash Course: Computer Science* content on YouTube. After each video students will create questions and answers that they would expect to see on a quiz for the video. These assignments will make up 80% of this quarter's grade.

Midterm Exam

The final 20% of this quarter's grade will be made up of a midterm exam on the Crash Course content. Some of the most common questions from student assignment will be used in this exam.

Second Quarter

Projects

80% of this quarter will consist of hand-on projects applying and expanding the knowledge gained from the Crash Course content.

State Exam

The final 20% of this quarter will be made of the CTE State Exam for Computer Science Principles. The state considers you to be highly proficient in a subject if you get an 80% or higher on their test, and you earn a certificate that some colleges will accept for college credit

(according to the state). Due to this, I curve the tests so that an 80% is a 100% in my grade book; anything over 80% is extra credit.