

Applied Computer Science (aka, "AP Comp Sci A")  
Mr. Neat  
Class Rules  
2021-2022

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in this class. Computer programming is an exciting, ever-changing field and I look forward to our adventures together. I take the "AP" distinction very seriously and teach the class as though it were offered at the college level. Should the class be too demanding, students have the option to transfer to the intro programming class ("buffet") which is taught concurrently (thus no schedule change is required).

**1) Grades**

Student grades will be determined from quizzes that will come in two forms: written and oral. They will all be cumulative. They may or may not be announced.

**2) Behavior**

Academic progress will depend heavily on students helping each other. Help is a two-way street: it requires students willing to share their knowledge and students with the courage to ask for help when they get stuck. Students helping students is strongly encouraged. However, "helping" does not imply copying. There is no educational value gained in this course by copying work. This behavior is strongly discouraged.

**3) Curriculum**

All software required for this class is FREE! The course "textbook" is hosted on github (<https://github.com/gregneat/NeatPoole22>) and is continually updated. The "textbook" consists of zillions of folders, each containing a slide presentation on the new material for that folder, a video covering the requisite material and a sample lab output (so the student knows what their lab should do when they are done).

**4) Remote Learning Platforms**

*Google Classroom* (GC) will be the cornerstone platform for the class. Students will submit and receive class communications through GC. Eventually, the instant messaging software, *Discord*, will be added to the suite of tools for class communications. This addition will be used for extra help, "office hours" and community building.

### 5) Communication

The best way to reach me is by email ([gneat@gusd.net](mailto:gneat@gusd.net)). I also have a website ([drneato.com](http://drneato.com)) where I have course information and class grades (click on the "school" link). Please DO NOT leave a message on my school phone extension.

Thank you for your interest in this class and reading this letter,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Please acknowledge your reading and understanding of these rules by filling out the boxes below.

Student name:

Student email:

Parent/Guardian name:

Parent/Guardian email: