Applied Computer Programming (aka, "Buffet")
Mr. Neat
Class Rules
2022-2023

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. This class is intended to be a relaxed, fun, low stress option for learning how to code.

1) **Grades**

The course is self-paced. Student grades will be determined from their labs. Each lesson will have a lab that will help the student practice the new material presented. Since the class is self-paced, the number of labs completed at any time will vary depending on the student. If the student uses the class time constructively, progress will be measured against the individual student. In contrast, if the student wastes class time, then that student's lab grade will be derived by comparing to other students' lab progress. Occasionally quizzes will be given. The results will be used to determine borderline grades. In some cases, these quizzes will be oral.

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) **Attendance**

This class has no homework! Consequently, students are expected to use the allotted class time wisely and efficiently. Examples of misuse are sleeping, arriving late, persistently working on assignments from other classes during my class period, playing Fortnite,...Such behavior will negatively impact the student's lab grade.

4) **Curriculum**

All software required for this class is FREE! The course "textbook" is hosted on github (https://github.com/gregneat/T23) and is continually updated. The "textbook" consists of zillions of folders, each containing a slide presentation on the new material for that folder, usually a video covering the requisite material and a sample lab output (so the student knows what their lab should do when they are done).

5) **Remote Learning Platforms**

Google Classroom (GC) will be the cornerstone platform for the class. Students will submit and receive class communications through GC.

6) **Communication**

The best way to reach me is by email (gneat@gusd.net). I also have a website (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,