

Ms. Lariviere's Classroom Expectations, Rules, and Procedures

The expectations, rules, procedures and consequences of my classroom are intended to keep the classroom environment safe, orderly, and productive. Please respect the rules so that we can maximize learning time together. The rules are not hard to follow, nor are any of them "out of the ordinary." They are simply expected behaviors for middle school students. If you have any questions about any of these rules, or why they are in place, you have the right to find out – please ask me as soon as possible. There should never be a rule that does not have a purpose! Thank you for your cooperation.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. Respect yourself, the teacher & others

- Show respect for the teacher, yourself and others at all times.
- Respect others' property. Avoid touching or writing on anything that does not belong to you (including desks, textbooks, teacher's belongings, walls, etc.). Don't expect that others will clean-up your messes. Please pick-up after yourself.
- Respect yourself and the rest of us by using appropriate language and wearing appropriate clothing.
- Conduct yourself as a kind person.

2. Put forth your best effort at all times

- Always do your own best work.
- Put learning ahead of getting good grades.
- Put quality ahead of just getting it done.

3. Be prepared for class each day

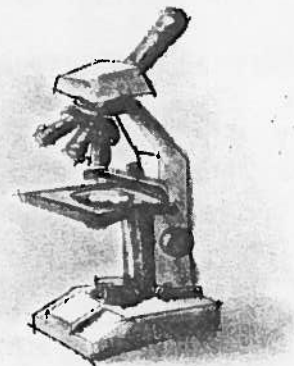
- Come prepared with all materials necessary:
 - An organized class binder containing all necessary materials and handouts
 - Some looseleaf paper, pens (blue or black), and pencils
 - A red or purple pen for grading in class or underlining important elements in note taking (if possible)
 - Highlighters for emphasizing important text
 - An agenda, or planner, to help keep you organized - the most successful students are organized.

4. Follow directions when given

- When directions are given, do your best to follow them the first time. If you are confused or have questions, ask!

5. Pay attention, participate and ask questions

- Engage in what is going on in the classroom. If you have a question, ask it! Otherwise, I might not know until the test that you didn't understand something. There are no stupid questions, and chances



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are, if you are wondering about it, someone else in the class is too. Be proactive about your learning and don't be afraid to ask for help. If you feel most comfortable waiting until after class, that is okay, too, but do keep communication open between us.

6. Preserve a positive learning environment

- Student actions that interfere with teaching or learning in the classroom will NOT be tolerated.
- Minimize classroom interruptions by arriving to class on time and not leaving the classroom during the hour.

7. Take responsibility for your actions

- Take responsibility for missed assignments.
- All handbook rules will be enforced. Please read your handbook. Students that choose to break these rules, choose to have points taken away from their learning readiness grade, and face the possibility of additional consequences.

CLASS RULES

1. Turn off cell phones & electronic devices

- Electronic devices, (cell phones, etc.) are NOT permitted in my classroom.
- Cell Phones should be turned off and invisible during the class period. If I see or hear your phone it will be taken away and given to an administrator, according to cell phone policy outlined in the handbook. Refusal to turn over the cell phone will be treated as insubordinate behavior.

2. No food or drink, except water

- You may drink bottled of water in the classroom. If a spill occurs, please clean it up immediately and inform the teacher.
- No other food or beverage is permitted without a doctor's note.

3. Arrive to class on time & ready to learn

- When the bell rings, you need to be sitting in your assigned seat.
- You should immediately begin on the warm up activity or journal entry.
- Be "physically" and "mentally" present in the classroom

4. Never line up at the door before dismissal

- Please remain in your seat until I have dismissed you. Never line up at the door before dismissal. Remember, I dismiss you, not the bell.

5. Do not cheat, plagiarize, or copy work

- Cheating is completely unacceptable. If I see you cheating on any assignment I will give you a zero and report the incident to the assistant principal and to parents.

- Plagiarism (copying work from another source without giving proper credit) is completely unacceptable. If you plagiarize on any assignment you will earn a "0" on that assignment with no opportunity to re-do the work for credit.

6. Use polite and appropriate language

- Offensive, derogatory, and profane terms are not tolerated. In order to have a safe classroom environment where all students feel comfortable, no put downs, swear words, or slang words with demeaning connotations will be accepted.

7. Do your best work and turn it in on time

- Remember that the work that you turn-in is a reflection of your effort on the assignment.

Grades

Tests and Projects	50%
Quizzes and Labs	25%
Homework	15%
Participation	10%

**** Students may retake tests and quizzes after school if the score achieved is less than 70% to bring up said score to at least a 70%. Late projects or lab reports will receive a late grade (if they are turned in late).**

CLASS PROCEDURES

1. Homework should be on your desk

- Homework is due at the beginning of the hour when you come to class. I will not accept work completed once class begins. Have your homework checked at the beginning of class. Show absent/late work at the same time.

4. Pick up after yourself before you leave

- Take all of your belongings, pick up any scrap papers around you, and put your desk back in line before you leave each day.

I have read and understand the classroom expectations, rules and procedures for science class.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

