**Classroom policies**

**Grading, Homework, Late work, Absences, Tardies, Supplies, and Technology**

Welcome to 8th grade! To best prepare all of us for a great year, I want to make sure you are aware of our classroom policies and procedures concerning academics and our learning environment.

**Grading and Power School:**

Your gradebook is online and you should try to monitor your grades weekly. Power School will email you a weekly report or, if you set the app up on your phone, you will get notifications every time your grade changes!

**Late Work:**

Life is not ideal. If there are reasons you believe your work will be late, please let

me know ***before***the due date. I am very accommodating and understanding, but you must take responsibility.

Otherwise, our late policy is as follows:

**\***Most assignment may be turned in up to **one week** late with a missing work form signed by your parent or guardian. If you are missing work, this form will be sent home with you.

All unexcused late work will be docked 20 points and start at an 80% before grading.

Again, I will work with you **if I know ahead of time** and it’s a reason, not an excuse. (Sporting events, staying up late to watch TV, and family trips are not reasons to have late work. You will always know your due dates well in advance; plan accordingly). There is an old saying: Lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine. Keep that in mind.

\*Assignments where you have chosen your own due dates must be turned in on the date chosen, no exceptions, and no late work will be accepted without prior approval. These assignments are usually long range and approval for late work must be submitted **far before** the due date (at least a week or more).

**Bathroom and Water**

You are welcome to use the bathroom one at a time, with a pass, during independent work. Going to the bathroom during direct instruction is disallowed unless an emergency; more than one emergency a week will constitute a trip to the school nurse.

Water bottles are allowed in class as well as other drinks with screw on lids. **\*\*Please do not bring: Energy drinks, Coffee, or glass bottles. These drinks will be confiscated and thrown away; nope, I’m not going to keep it until the end of the day for you.**

**Tardies**

You are expected to be in class on time. Every tardy disrupts our classroom and our learning! If you are late, you will need a note signed by a teacher or another adult. Excessive tardies with or without notes will be dealt with individually.

**Supplies**

You are expected to have all supplies you will need for class. The classroom will have storage for most of what you will need, but a ***pencil and SSR reading book are required daily.***

**Homework**

Homework will consist of vocabulary to be completed on Quizlet and Reading logs. Reading logs are due every Friday after book chats.

**Technology (Laptops)**

You will be assigned a laptop. More information on policies will be distributed separately. While we utilize technology for instruction, projects, and assessment, it is by no means the focus of our classrooms.

**Technology (personal devices)**

 **(cell phones, tablets, etc)**

The use of personal devices is not allowed. **Any** device that is **seen or heard** in class, for any reason**\*\*** will be confiscated and turned in to administration. **No exceptions.**

You will have the opportunity to either store their devices in a designated space in the classroom or in your lockers. Your pocket is not your locker nor is it the designated place in the classroom.

***\*\*Special Note:***

***Your parents received this policy letter with the following note:***

***Please do not text or call your child during school hours. If you must get a message to your child during school hours, please call the office and they will deliver the message for you. This will help ensure that your child has no reason to break the personal device policy. Thank you!!!***

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