

# **Instructional Technology Courses**

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Room 237

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 high school students in this classroom. 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**
- 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**
- 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. I would rather have you stop class to clarify than be off task while everyone else is working.
- 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 are, if you are wondering about it, someone else in the class is to. 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 should not interfere with teaching or learning in the classroom.
  - Minimize classroom interruptions by arriving to class on time and not leaving the classroom during the hour.

## **CLASS RULES**

- 1. Turn off cell phones & electronic devices**
  - Cell Phones should be turned off and invisible during the class period.
- 2. No food or drink, except water**
- 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... even for another class... I will give you a zero and report the incident to the other teacher as well as your assistant principal and 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. Remember, if you don't have something nice to say, don't say it at all!
7. **Do your best work & turn it in on time**

#### **CLASS PROCEDURES**

1. **Turn in homework to the proper bin/file folder**
2. **Complete absent form for study buddy**
3. **Pick up after yourself before you leave**
4. **Get missed work when you return from an absence**

#### **CLASS CONSEQUENCES**

1. **Verbal warning**
2. **Call home**
3. **Detention**
4. **Referral to assistant principal**