

2016-2017 Syllabus

Welcome to my class. I do not have many rules in my class but I do have many procedures to help keep the pace of class moving quickly and smoothly. If you come in every day with a desire to learn you will have a great year. I desire nothing more than the best for every one of my students. First, let's take a look at some of the rules in my class.

Rules:

1. Do not take any action that will inhibit yours or others learning.
2. Follow all school procedures
3. Follow all class procedures
4. Be accountable for your own actions

Procedures:

1. How to enter the classroom (If you are not in your seat when the bell rings, you are late.)
 - a. Walk in quietly and calmly. Leave any drama at the door. If you have a serious concern you are dealing with, inform me before you come in so I can better assist your needs.
 - b. Read board for any directions in the designated area for your class.
 - c. If needed, sharpen your pencils and get any writing implement you may need.
 - d. Take any papers off the front desk (if there are any).
 - e. Get your computer, calculator, or plicker card if needed (see directions on board if they are needed or not).
 - i. List of assigned calculator numbers and computer numbers are on the wall.
 - f. Get any tissues you think you may need for the day.
 - g. Take a seat
 - h. Start on daily challenge problem as dictated by directions
 - i. The only conversations should be math related. If you would like to have social conversations, stay in the hallway.
2. When to get out of seat.
 - a. Restroom
 - i. You may leave for the restroom whenever the hall pass is available, unless you have lost your hallway privileges.
 1. The pass is not available during the first 15 minutes and last 15 minutes of class. (per school policy)
 2. The pass is not available when someone else is out.
 3. If you don't return, instant referral and call home.
 4. If you lose my pass, instant referral and call home.
 5. If you go to the bathroom and forget to take the pass, instant referral and call home. REMEMBER TO TAKE THE PASS!
 - b. Nurse
 - i. Nurse is available at any time. Please try to tell me before class gets started though as it is hard for me to stop class in the middle to address your needs. I will do my best to assist you but it helps both of us if you just tell me at the beginning of class.
 1. If you go to the nurse I will call home to let your parents know that you were ill, injured, or whatever else the issue might be.
 2. I will also check with the nurse to ensure you arrived at the nurse's office.

- c. Counselors
 - i. Counselors are available at any time. Please try to tell me before class gets started though as it is hard for me to stop class in the middle to address your needs. I will do my best to assist you but it helps both of us if you just tell me at the beginning of class.
 - 1. If you go to the counselor's I will call home to let your parents know that you missed part of class.
 - 2. I will also check with the counselor to ensure you arrived at the counselor's office.
- d. Trash
 - i. Throw any and all trash out upon leaving the classroom, not during class.
- e. Class Dismissal
 - i. I dismiss the class only when the class is clean and ready for the next class. With a few minutes left, I will direct the class to clean up. When you are done cleaning, take a seat so I know you are done. The floor around you as well as your desk must be clean. Any items you've used must be put away as well.
- f. Any emergencies
 - i. Complete as practiced

TI-NSPIRES, Plickers and Computers:

1. Every student is assigned a specific number for their calculator, plicker and computer. Usually these numbers are the same but sometimes they are different (because of class schedule changes typically). Only use your calculator, plicker and computer. The list on the wall has the most updated calculator, plicker and computer numbers. Using others calculators, plickers or computers will lead to a referral and a contact home.
2. If you notice damage to either the computer, plicker or the calculator, notify me at the start of class so I know it was not you. If the calculator, plicker or computer has had the settings tampered with, notify me at the beginning of class so I know it was not you.
3. Any irreparable damage will be your responsibility to pay for. Treat the items with care for they are not yours. You are free to bring in your own electronic device as long as it works with our lessons. You may also buy your own TI-NSPIRE if you want. As long as you use the school's property, you will treat it with respect.
 - a. Any wrongful use of the items (inappropriate internet searches, changing settings, etc.) will be met with the appropriate consequences up to referral and contact home.
4. You will put the calculator, plicker and computer back in the appropriate location every day. If you find that it is not in the right spot when you came in, notify me immediately.
5. Repeated misconduct of electrical devices will lead to your prohibition of using such items.

Grading:

1. I follow GPISD grading policies.

Materials:

1. You are responsible for your own materials. If you come to class unprepared to work you will contact home to ensure you are provided the materials you need to succeed.