School Year 2011-2012

Classroom Expectations & Agreement

When we are in the classroom, we have a mission. That mission is to do our best to sharpen our skills as readers and writers. The purpose of a set of clear expectations and rules for the classroom is to ensure that we are all getting the most of our classroom time together.

Knowing what we should, and should not, be doing in the classroom will help to keep us focused.

Below details the behavior that is expected of you this year in my class, as well as what you can expect from me. Although we will review and discuss each expectation in class, please read this agreement with your parents then sign and return it to me.

1. BE ON TIME. When the second bell rings signaling the start of class, be ready to start participating at that time. That same rule also applies to me - I should be ready at the start of class, which means having the technology operational.

   a. Always bring the required supplies and be ready to be actively engaged in the learning process. This communicates preparedness and interest.
   b. If you come into class after a graded assignment has already been returned, please do not ask for your assignment until after the class is over. It is unfair to the other students in class to wait while the teacher searches again for your paper because you were not there the first time. Just ask for it after class, and I will be happy to supply it to you.

2. PAY ATTENTION. While you are in class, you should be paying attention at all times. In return, I promise to listen when you are talking to me and to treat you with respect. This means:

   a. DO NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS with people sitting around you during a lesson.
   b. DO NOT PACK UP! Do not start zipping up your backpack and rustling papers before the end of the class period. There’s sufficient time for you to get to your next class to another without disrupting the last few minutes of this class. If one person does it, it seems to trigger others to do it, and it makes the last few minutes less than optimal for everyone.

3. DO NOT WORK ON OTHER SCHOOL WORK. Do not study material from other classes during our class class. Do not attempt to complete homework from another class during our class. If you are caught doing so, your work will be collected and your teacher and parents notified.

4. NO CELL PHONES. Turn your cell phone off before the start of class. If your cell phone rings during class, or you are caught using it, it will be collected and turned into the main office where your parents will have to come and collect it. I will also turn mine off. Multiple offenses will result in disciplinary referrals.
5. PICK UP YOUR TRASH. You wouldn’t visit a friend’s house and leave newspapers, cans, bottles, and wrappers lying around after you left, so please don’t do it here.

6. YOUR HEAD MAY NEVER BE DOWN. Laying your head on the desk or sleeping in class is rude, distracting to others, and not allowed. Would you consider me rude if you invited someone to a party and they slept on your sofa during the party? If you are so tired, or sick, that you cannot keep your head up, please request to see the nurse.

7. TURN IN ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME. Earthquake, fire, flood, and catastrophic illness are the only reasonable excuses for a late submission.

8. BE COURTEOUS. Being courteous in class does not mean that you have to agree with everything that is being said. However, you will rarely get your way with anybody in life by being rude, overly aggressive or just plain hostile. We should never be rude to anyone, or make fun of them, because of their opinion. We should also never make fun of anyone who provides an incorrect answer. That’s how we learn, after all!

9. ASK QUESTIONS. If you are confused about something or unclear about an assignment, PLEASE, ask questions. Your questions are NOT an imposition – they are welcome. Chances are, if you have a question, someone else is thinking the same thing but is too shy to ask it. You’ll learn more, it makes the class more interesting, and you are helping others learn as well. But when you have a question or comment, please RAISE YOUR HAND FIRST. Blurtling out a question or comment when someone else has already raised their hand is rude – it’s like jumping ahead of someone else in line.

10. COMMUNICATE. If emergencies arise that require an absence from class, you should try to get the notes and all other information that was covered in class from a fellow student you trust. This will help you to be prepared when you come into class the following day. You may also communicate with me by:

   * email: cazzettk@vschsd.org
   * blog: mscazzetto.wordpress.com

11. KEEP UP. Do not fall behind with your school work. Falling behind will cause you to feel overwhelmed which may then make it difficult for you to feel that you can catch up.

**CONSEQUENCES OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR**

* **Unprepared:** 3 times will result in detention. 5 times (only two more following the detention) will result in an additional detention and a call home.

* **Homework:** 3 missed homework assignments (not in a row) will result in detention. 5 times (only two more following the detention) will result in a call home.

* The following is considered unacceptable behavior and can lead to a disciplinary referral: talking when asked not to, talking when your teacher is teaching, name calling, throwing anything, hitting of any kind, arguing with a classmate, ordering a classmate to do anything such as to, “shut up,” or “get out of my face,” etc., arguing with your teacher (this list will be modified on an as needed basis).
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I ___________________________ have received and understood the classroom expectations and agreement from Ms. Cazzetto on September 7, 2011. I understand that the need for a set of expectations is to ensure that my classmates and I are given the opportunity to receive the most of our 42 minute class time. I agree to abide by the expectations and accept responsibility for my actions in order to succeed as well as set an example for my peers.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature