Classroom Expectations

Blatchford

1. BEGINNING CLASS

 A. When the bell rings you must be in the classroom, if you are not in the classroom then you are tardy...no questions asked. If you are tardy, you will be marked tardy on the attendance sheet. We will follow the LSE tardy due process procedure.

 B. It has become the focus of the Social Studies department to address all cell phones and electronic devices (ipods, earphones, etc), these items are to be put away for the class. If they are not put away they will be confiscated, and due process will follow.

 B. Unexcused absences...if you are caught skipping my class, the first time it happens you will be given minimum credit for any work done on the day you missed ( including exam and quiz credit ), and will not be given extra time to prepared for any class activity due when you return. Any further unexcused absences will force me to adhere to the Southeast Attendance Policy regarding truancy.

 C. I expect it to be quiet during all PA announcements during your class period.

2. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

 A. Please show respects to other students’ ideas, values, and beliefs.

 B. I strongly suggest you have your own notebook dedicated to this class only! The notebook acts as a file cabinet that will include all that we do in the class. I will pick it up periodically, and return it with a grade. Homework, handouts, writings, etc. should be done in this notebook only. You should bring it to class, along with a pen/pencil, textbook, and planner every single day.

 C. I will not speak above you. When I speak you are to listen, I promise to show you that same courtesy. If your talking disrupts me, or the learning environment of the class, you will be asked to leave the classroom, either temporarily or permanently.

 D. You will not work on any other material in this class other than work I have assigned, or have given you special permission to do. This includes writing notes, finishing homework, reading magazines, etc. I reserve the right to collect/destroy any materials such as that.

 E. You must have permission to leave the room. There should be no reason to ever go to your locker because it is expected you bring all materials to class each day. If on occasion you must leave the room to go to the restroom, locker, phone, etc. you must sign the classroom management sheet (in front of the room) and I must sign your planner. Each quarter students are given 16 points for classroom management, when you leave the room for such a reason as mentioned you will loose points towards your total score. The classroom management points are the same as a quiz/test score.

3. END OF CLASS

 A. The bell does not dismiss you, the teacher does....don’t forget that! There will be no “herding” like animals towards the door before the bell, you must be in your seats to be released from class. If you leave without being dismissed it can be counted as a truancy.

4. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

A. Copying from others work, or plagiarism is a form of cheating. It is unacceptable in this class and is considered a serious offense. Penalties include but are not limited to:

 1. Parent / Administrator notification

 2. Redoing the work with reduction in credit

 3. Failing the assignment

5. AVAILABILITY & UNDERSTANDING

 A. Ask questions in class when you don’t understand something.

 B. Seek help from me, when I give study time in class.

 C. Make special arrangements with me for help.

 D. I will be available:

 1. Period 2 & 5 daily 3. After my final class of the day

 2. During my lunch time 4. By making special arrangements

6. THE NO’S OF THE CLASSROOM

A. No use of offensive language in the classroom D. No headphones, use of cell phones, allowed in the classroom.

B. No changing of assigned seats. E. No goofing around in the classroom. (Horseplay, running, etc.)

7. GRADING PROCEDURE

 A. Your class grade is based on a simple point system. A point is a point, no matter where it comes from. For example: 5 points for a homework assignment has the same value as 5 points on a unit exam. Extra credit points are the same as any other points given. The grade scale will be as follows:

 A 90 - 100

 B+ 85 - 89

 B 80 - 84

 C+ 75 - 79

 C 70 - 74

 D+ 65 - 69

 D 60 - 64

 F Below 60%

These are the general expectations for my class, it is by no means all of them. The expectations are created simply to help establish the best learning environment possible. Read through them, understand them, and please respect them.

I would like all students to sign this paper which is my record that you have read and understand the expectations of this course.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_