

CLASS RULES FOR MR. LATHROM'S CLASSES

Success in my classes, like success in your future academic and professional careers, is dependent on understanding what is expected of you and knowing what behavior is encouraged and what is impermissible. By providing you with these rules in writing, I am giving you the information which you need to know and understand in order to succeed as students. Please be advised, I take these policies *very seriously* and firmly believe that your acceptance and observance of them is will help you develop a strong work ethic and professional demeanor. As a result, your grades **WILL BE** negatively affected and you will be subject to detention and/or suspension should you choose not to take these policies with the same level of seriousness.

In addition to all RHLS rules, the rules set forth below shall also apply in my classes. Following some rules, the grade that is affected is noted (“A” means the Academic grade for the class; “C” means the Conduct).

1. Turn-in all assignments to the in-box on the bookcase **before the bell rings or before the beginning of the period**. No homework will be accepted after class has begun and you will receive no credit for the assignment. A
2. Be in your seat with your notebook and book out, and all non-class materials stowed under your desk **before the final bell rings or before the beginning of class**. If class starts and you are not in your seat, you are late. Never argue at that time whether you were late or not because that only wastes more class time for which you will be given a second tardy. If you think you were not late for whatever reason, wait until after class to discuss it with me. C
3. When called to order, all students need to stop talking and direct their attention to the front of the class. I do not believe in and will not use bells, whistles or clapping hands in order to prod you to act in a respectful manner. You are young adults and not sheep or cows. Should you choose to ignore the call to order, your grade will be lowered. C
4. Always come to class with everything you will need. Once class has started you will not be allowed to leave to retrieve anything you forgot. Furthermore, needing to borrow paper, pens, pencils or share a book because you are not prepared will also negatively affect your grade. C
5. Always be courteous and attentive while in class. Talking out of turn, being discourteous or rude, making noises, disrupting class, passing notes, or being out of your seat without permission will all cause your grade to be lowered. C
6. Discussion between students of grades and performance on quizzes and tests will not be permitted in my class. I firmly believe that such information is an issue of privacy for each student which should not be advertised or discussed. If students wish to engage in such conversations, they are of course welcome to outside class.
7. Always be respectful to anyone who enters the class as a guest. When such a person enters, student or adult, you will stop all talking and turn your attention to the front of the class. Rudeness and disrespect will not be permitted.

8. Cell phones, pagers or any other electronic devices cannot be used in class without my prior permission. Electronic dictionaries will be permitted so long as I do not hear them (i.e., the talking and beeping ones) and so long as they do not disrupt class.
9. No chewing gum or eating in class. Students are permitted to drink only water during class. (gum chewing = detention automatically)
10. The textbooks you will be using are **nearly new**. They will be periodically inspected. If I find writing, drawings, etc. in the book or its spine or pages damaged, you have bought the book and your parents will be charged its value.
11. Writing on the desks will result in an automatic detention for the person sitting at the desk or the last person who sat there. As a result, check your desk before starting class to make sure there is no writing or pencil marks. C
12. You must never be in the classroom unattended. If an emergency occurs in which I must leave, you must remain in your seats until I return.
13. Always leave your seating area clean and your chairs pushed in when you leave.
14. Do not sit on desks, lean back in the chairs or put your feet on the desks. C
15. **Eighth Grade:** You will also be attentive and respectful during all school events, including all assemblies. C
16. **Eighth Grade:** Talking or fooling around during Chapel will not be permitted and will result in an immediate detention (no warnings will be given). C
17. **Eighth Grade:** You may re-enter the classroom following PE at 3 pm, and not any earlier without my permission. Under no circumstances are you allowed to enter the room if I am not there.
18. **Eighth Grade:** Eating in the classroom is a privilege and not a right. If you cannot behave with manners while eating, the class will lose all privileges of having food in the classroom (including class parties) and we will eat on the patio or hallways rain or shine.