

CLASS RULES FOR MR. LATHROM'S CLASSES

1. **RESPECT YOUR CLASSMATES, CLASSROOM, AND TEACHER.** Respect is earned and not freely given. From being polite and civil to fellow classmates to keeping the room neat and clean, showing proper respect is one of the top two critical behaviors for me. The other is.....
2. **BE HONEST.** Everyone makes mistakes but the true measure of a person is how they address those mistakes - do they tell the truth regardless of consequences or lie and make things even worse. I respect the person who owns a poor choice and works to correct it from happening a second time.
3. **TURN YOUR ASSIGNMENTS IN ON TIME.** All assignments are due in 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.
4. **WHEN CLASS STARTS, SIT DOWN AND STOP TALKING.** 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.
5. **BE PREPARED FOR CLASS.** You do not need many supplies for my class - a pen, pencil, notebook, and, when I tell you, your textbook. You do not need the battleship of a backpack or the never-ending pen/pencil case that spills on the floor every ten minutes. Once class has started you will not be allowed to retrieve anything you forgot (homework, laptop, etc.).
6. **FOCUS AND BE POLITE FOR 90 MINUTES.** For a single class period, every one of you have the ability to control who you talk to and how you control yourself. I am in the room to teach and your fellow students to learn. If you cannot allow those to activities to occur, you will be sent to the office and then home.
7. **KEEP COMMENTS ABOUT YOUR GRADES PRIVATE.** 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.
8. **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 to aides, substitute teachers, and volunteers will not be tolerated.
9. **LAPTOPS AND IPADS OR ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES CANNOT BE USED IN CLASS WITHOUT MY PRIOR PERMISSION.** Laptops and iPads are permitted so long as you use them to take notes. If I find you switching between screens to do other things, you will be warned and then lose laptop privileges for the year if it happens again.
10. **STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO DRINK ONLY WATER AND NON-SODA DRINKS** during class so long the bottles are thrown out. Except as permitted on special occasions, eating is not permitted in the classroom.

11. **EIGHTH GRADE:** You will be attentive and respectful during all school events, including all assemblies.

12. **EIGHTH GRADE:** Talking or fooling around during Chapel will not be permitted and will result in an immediate detention (no warnings will be given).

13. **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.

14. **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 hallway rain or shine.

15. **EIGHTH GRADE:** Visiting the Village for lunch is an eighth grade benefit which is dependent on whether the class follows the rules of behavior. While in the Village, students will:
 - a. Politely interact with patrons and shop owners
 - b. Not run on the sidewalk or street
 - c. Stand/walk to one side of the sidewalk
 - d. Cross the street only at lights or at the stop sign in front of Pedone's
 - e. Clean all litter
 - f. Stay in a group size of at least three
 - g. Properly tip wait staff if eating in a restaurant
 - h. Meet the teacher on time at the designated location

If an individual or group cannot follow these rules, they will lose the Village for a set amount of time. If the behavior still cannot be corrected, the person or group will lose the privilege for the entire year.