2011-2012 Mr. McGirr's Classroom Policies

Expectations for Behavior & Attitude

1. Common courtesy is the name of the game in the room. Responses like, "Yes sir," or "No sir," are completely appropriate. Treat others like you would want to be treated.

2. Be in your seat and ready to work when the class begins. I promise to be ready for class, I expect the same courtesy from you. Please sharpen your pencils or ask for a pencil before class begins, once class begins I expect you to remain seated during instruction.

3. Do not run out of the room at the end of the hour. I dismiss class, not the bell or an arbitrary reading of the clock.

4. Listen to and follow directions. You wouldn't want to prevent other students from hearing directions.

5. Be polite to others; listen while others speak.

6. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Not doing so will disrupt class or cause injuries. Respect the property of others.

7. Referrals, detentions, or other means will be arranged by the teacher to correct the problem.

- 8. Griping will not be tolerated.
- 9. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Assignments will receive no credit.
- 10. Please deposit gum in the trash.
- 11. Places off limits in the classroom: Mr. McGirr's desk, cabinets, closets and shelves.
- 12. Every student has the right to learn I have the right to teach.
- 13. Think and do carefully because there is nothing like a grouchy teacher.
- 14. Hall passes: First 5 and last 5 minutes of class. ID rules apply.

Nine Things to Remember:

1. We all live in an imperfect world. You cannot expect everything to be exactly right.

2. The test of your character is your ability to fit into a new situation.

3. People who put off little things never put over big things.

- 4. The future is always clean, but tomorrow will soon become yesterday.
- 5. It is no disgrace to fail, but it is a disgrace to do less than your best.
- 6. You don't find happiness looking for it. You stumble over it on the road of duty.
- 7. You have to live with other people. This room is a good place to learn how.
- 8. In playing your part on the stage of life, do not forget the cue for truth.
- 9. We do not tolerate laziness. We will not do for you what you can do for yourself.

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Expectations for Grades & Assignments

1. Grading will be done according to the student handbook. The board has instituted a straight 10% scale.

2. Bring the appropriate books, paper, and supplies to class to ensure your readiness to work and learn.

3. Student work may be required to be kept in a portfolio.

4. Students should keep a folder for this class to keep student work to avoid any confusion at the end of the marking period.

5. No sloppy or illegible assignments will be given credit.

6. Try your best at all assignments. Never leave an answer blank. Your participation is expected in all activities.

7. Senior portfolios must be completed by the assigned date. It is a graduation requirement.

Make-Up Work Policies

1. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure all assignments have been received and completed.

2. After an absence, contact the teacher after class or after school for the work.

3. Make-up tests and quizzes will be arranged to be taken after school.

4. If you ask to redo an assignment or test, you must provide a written explanation for the request. Additional information may be required by the teacher before a redo is given.

I reserve the right to amend and augment any of the above.

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