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Your Rights and Responsibilities

Rights

1. You have the right to make contributions to an attentive, responsive and respectful audience
2. You have the right to ask questions
3. You have the right to be treated civilly
4. You have the right to have your IDEAS discussed, not YOU personally.
5. You have the right to learn without competition.

Responsibilities

1. You are obligated to listen for understanding
2. You are obligated to seek understanding by asking questions and asking for help
3. You are obligated to show up to class on time and prepared with completed work and all necessary materials
4. You are obligated to agree or disagree and explain WHY, in response to other people's ideas
5. You are obligated to raise your hand to speak
6. You are obligated to clean up after yourself
7. You are obligated to work well with others, take turns, cooperate, and share

If we all follow these rules, we will have a productive, safe learning environment for everyone!

Some other standard rules we will follow include things like:

- When you come to the classroom, line up QUIETLY against the wall outside the doorway until you are invited in- if I am speaking with another student or class please wait- when in doubt, ask me if you may come in. I carry a white board around the hallway and take notice of those who are not following rules and guidelines in the halls and at lockers, and detention may be assigned. I give three strikes, then detention. (This goes for general classroom behavior, also. You are old enough to act appropriately without repeated reminders).
- If you choose to stand in class, **stay in your own space** and refrain from distracting others around you- it is CLASS space, not recess or gym.
- When you are in a group, follow the *collaborative rules* outlined on the next page. They are designed to allow everyone to work comfortably and productively during our time

together. Your class time is like your “job” during which time you are not allowed to socialize for people’s entertainment; take your job seriously the way your teachers and parents do.

- If you need space away to gather your thoughts or calm down, please do so- we have a large room and you are free to walk away and take space. When you feel better, RETURN to the class or your group. This is a mature and responsible way to handle yourself and I applaud you when you do! If you have a stress ball or need to do some jumping jacks or wall push-ups, PLEASE step away from others so they are not injured or distracted. You may also ask to be excused and step into the hallway.
- If you ask to use the restroom, you MAY NOT go to your locker or walk the halls.
- Wash YOUR HANDS after you blow your nose!
- Cough into your elbow!
- Do not touch stuff in the room without permission. This is for your safety!

This will be a GREAT year! Welcome!