

Mr. Strippoli's Classroom Rules and Expectations

The short version of the classroom rules goes as follows... be respectful, thoughtful and kind, and act in a mature and appropriate manner. Respect yourself, classmates, teacher, the property rights of others and the school, and respect the learning rights of all students.

The Learning Environment

We deserve to work in a clean, orderly, and positive classroom. The establishment and maintenance of such a classroom is vital for the teaching and learning processes and requires the effort and cooperation of all participants. Since my vision of what constitutes a clean, orderly, and positive work environment may differ from that of your other teachers, I have made a list of what I consider to be essential elements.

Be ready to work when class starts.

You should be in your seat ready to work at the start of class. This means that you will have your materials ready to go (notebook, homework, calculator, pens or pencils). Check the whiteboard when you enter the room and look for daily objectives and instructions. I often have "start-up" tasks for you to begin working on at the start of class. You can also expect quizzes at the start of class. If you are tardy you will receive a grade of zero on the quiz.

Smart Phones and Entertainment Devices.

You can expect that I will enforce the school cell phone policy. The bottom line... if you are texting, I will confiscate your device without warning. It's very simple, if you are not paying attention, you will not be able to learn the material.

Laptops and Tablets. You are encouraged to use these in class. However, you must use it for class learning purposes only. That means no YouTube, etc.

Food and Drink.

You may keep water in a transparent container at your desk. Coffee and tea are acceptable but must be in containers w/lids. **NO PAPER WATER CUPS IN CLASS!!!**

Respect the educational rights of those around you.

It is rude to talk or otherwise disrupt when someone (teacher, student, administrator, or guest) is addressing the class, or when a student is responding to a question.

Respect the property rights of those around you.

Do not touch other people's stuff. Do not vandalize (mark, carve, pierce, etc.) teacher/school property. Handle and operate all lab equipment with caution and care. Recycle or dispose of waste paper and any other trash properly. Do not leave things "for the custodians to clean up." (It is not their job, or mine to clean up after a mess you make.)

Do not touch lab or demonstration apparatus.

Since this is a lab science room, there will often be demonstrations/labs set up in various parts of the room. Do not touch these items, no matter how simple they may appear to be. They often involve expensive/delicate pieces of equipment easily damaged or misaligned by even the most conscientious student investigators.

Follow all lab instructions with extreme care.

Deviation from instructions, unauthorized experimentation, and inappropriate handling or operation of lab equipment may endanger you, your classmates, or school property and is therefore not tolerated.

Remain in class/seat until dismissed by the teacher.

Remember- you are responsible for your actions and that all school rules apply at all times.

The items above are considered rules in this classroom. Violations of these rules will result (depending on the specifics of the violation) in reduction in participation grade, administrative referral, and parental call.