

Mr. Godfrey's (Room 32) Class Rules

1. Students will enter the classroom calmly and quietly and go immediately to their assigned seats. You are to sit at your desk in a way that promotes learning - a 90 degree angle to your desk with both knees under the desktop, both feet on the floor, and exhibiting good posture (spine straight).
2. Students are to be in their seats working when the bell rings. (For 6th graders, this means copying the day's activities into their student agendas. For 8th graders, this means copying the day's activities into their student agendas, copying and answering the journal question into a separate notebook.) If you are not in your seat working when the bell rings you are tardy. **Each tardy** results in an after school detention. There are no further "warnings" given.
3. Students are to show respect at all times and in all manners toward themselves, others, and staff. This includes all verbal and non-verbal forms of communication including body language, facial expression, and tone of voice. No bullying, or disrespect toward anyone will be tolerated.
4. Students are to be on task AT ALL TIMES and work to the best of their ability. This means you are to be working on whatever assignment is given with all your concentration. If you are finished with an assignment early, you may sit or read silently, or silently work on material from another class. There is no talking in my class except to advance understanding of the academic issue at hand.
5. There is absolutely **no** gum, food, candy, make-up, lotion, mirrors, toys, electronic devices, cellphones or other distractions allowed in my class. (You may bring a personal, clear, see-through bottle of plain water with you in your backpack. No other beverages are allowed. This water is not to be shared with anyone.) All visible contraband will be confiscated, and can be picked up by a parent or guardian after school. Do not even give the appearance of chewing or it will be assumed that you are doing so. Class time is for learning.
6. Students are to be prepared with all paper, pencils, notebooks, and any other materials required for class. Never bother me about sharpening your pencil (you need an individual, personal pencil sharpener for this class), needing paper, throwing out trash, punching holes in paper, or any other trivial matter during class. You need to take care of these things between classes. The classroom pencil sharpener may be used between periods. Class time is for learning.
7. You are to raise your hand to get permission to speak. Raising your hand does not give you permission to speak; it just lets me know you want to speak. You are never to leave your seat without first raising your hand and receiving permission.

8. If you need to use the restroom, get your agenda (the only “hall pass” used at this school) opened to today’s date, then raise your hand. When I call on you, let me know you need to use one of your two restroom breaks per Trimester. Additional restroom breaks may be “purchased” with a $\frac{3}{4}$ page, handwritten essay on personal time management. You are not allowed to leave the room for water (see rule #5). You will not be allowed to leave the room to visit other classrooms, the library, the ASB office, or the locker room to conduct personal business or retrieve lost items. You will concentrate on the classroom activity at hand.
9. I do not argue or debate with students. If I ask to move your seat, or give any other direction, you are to do so immediately and without complaint. If you feel this or any other direction is unreasonable you may make an appointment to discuss it with a counselor or arrange a parent conference on your own time. Otherwise, follow all directions immediately and without complaining. Class time is for learning.
10. When the bell rings, you are to remain in your seat until dismissed. You are responsible to clean any trash in your area whether it is yours or not. Keep all trash with you until dismissed and throw it in a trash can on your way out of the classroom.
11. I do not give warnings. This is your warning. Any violation of these rules will be met immediately with an after school detention and/or other consequences such as lunchtime trash duty, copying the rules, parent conference, rapid exit from the classroom, Saturday school, and meeting with counselors and/or administrators. Student corrections and classroom disruptions will be reflected in your “citizenship” grade.
12. Your “right” to self-expression ends when it interferes with others rights to learn. “All children have a right to learn” is a given in my classroom. You are not allowed to distract yourself or disrupt others. (If you are talking or moving about without being called on, you are missing the lesson and so are the students around you.) If a student is defiant, I have a legal reason to send them from the classroom. Classroom disruptions result in detentions. Continued class disruptions result in students being sent from the class to the front office.