

Mr. Snyder's Classroom Expectations and Procedures (2020-2021)

Classroom Expectations: YOU are in control of your own behavior

Respectful= Respect other classmates, staff, and school property

Organized= Keep your personal items together in an orderly fashion.

Academic= Do your own work with integrity, and turn it in on time.

Responsibility= Be prepared, prompt to class, and honest.

Safety= Act in a way that will not harm yourself or others.

Classroom Procedures: Procedures are important because it enables everyone in class to have an equal opportunity to learn. Class will run very smoothly and we will have very few problems if everyone follows the procedures. I know it seems like a lot, but with practice and your cooperation, you will be perfectly fine.

- **Heading on a paper**: Please ensure each paper has your: name, date, class period. If an assignment does not have a name, it will go in the grade book as incomplete until the proper owner can be identified.
- **Homework/Other Assignments**: All assignments are to be turned in on time. Late work will result in a 30% reduction in your score, (in other words, the best anyone can do is a 70%). No late work will be accepted the last week of the quarter. Most every homework assignment will be completed on the night they are given and turned in the next day (unless otherwise specified). When an assignment is due, please be sure to get it out when you come into the classroom and have it ready for me to come collect. I come around and collect all homework assignments from you individually. The majority of homework assignments will range anywhere between 15-30 points.
 - **Class Homework Incentive**: This incentive is a way to reward you for a job well-done. If your *entire* class turns in 5 straight homework assignments, I will bring in something each day for you all to have in class (usually candy). If you get to 20, then we will have a pizza party during your lunch time. If you get to 35, then we will have a movie day with popcorn. Anything beyond 35, we'll discuss that when we get there. My current record is 97 from 2015-2017 by an 8th grade social studies class.
 - All short answer questions are graded on a 3 point scale. One point is for answering/addressing all parts of the question, one point is for meeting

expectations on grade level expectations related to spelling and grammar, and one point for providing adequate detail and supporting evidence.

- **Current Events Assignments:** These will be assigned in social studies every other week and will be due on Fridays (or Thursdays, depending on the last day of the week). Students will be required to find a recent news story, summarize it in *two paragraphs*, and fill out a graphic organizer. Current events are worth 20 points. (10 points for the summary, 5 points for the graphic organizer filled out, and 5 points for providing the source—either in hard copy format or provided a link to the website if found online).
- **Assignment/Test Redo Procedure**—Students will have the option to redo any assignment. Any assignment on which the student is caught cheating/plagiarizing will be mandatory re-do. To re-do a homework or daily assignment, just simply re-do the incorrect questions and resubmit the assignment with the original copy. In order to re-do a test or quiz, you will need to turn in three items before a final grade is given—original assignment, request to redo form, and corrections to the original test or quiz. Students can receive full credit on an assignment that they redo. You must also re-do all questions on a test, and the teacher reserves the right to give an alternative assessment different from the original. Students will only be able to earn up to 50% on an assignment in which they are caught cheating or plagiarizing. The original grade that is earned on the assignment before it is done again will be the one that goes in the grade book until the redo process is completed. The cutoff to turn in “redo work” is the week before the quarter ends.
- **Make-Up/Absent Work:** Handbook policy states that you are responsible for approaching a teacher for make-up work. I will put your missed work in the manila folders by the door. Upon receiving that work on the day of your return, you have two (2) days to complete any assignments. You will have an additional day for each successive day of *excused absences*. If you are absent for a test, you are responsible for taking it on the day you come back. I strongly recommend that you complete assignments promptly so your work does not pile up on you, especially if you have a test to make-up.
- **Bathroom:** Fill out your planner on the bottom of the current day in the hall pass section. Bring me the planner for a signature, and sign out using the clip board on my desk.
- **Board Work:** Every day when you come into class, there will be a question or two on the board relating to the content we have been covering in class. Students are to keep a board work log on your Chromebook, or in a separate notebook. Journals will be checked at random (usually once a month) for a 10 point completion grade. If you have given a good effort, have an organized notebook, and all questions are answered for the day/week, you will get a 100%. If you don't have the questions done, or do not have your journal in class, points will be reduced.

- **Notebooks and Binder:** Along with your board work journal, you should have the following:
 - You should have a *notebook* for in-class notes. This notebook should be well-kept and organized, and should be for **MY CLASS ONLY**. It will be useful for studying and other class assignments. You may keep a pen and paper notebook, or you can also use the Chromebook to take class notes. I highly recommend that you back up your digital notes to another source so they do not get deleted.
 - Students should also keep a *binder or folder* with any important papers that are handed out, including project instructions and graded papers. You can clean out this binder at the end of each semester.
- **Coming into class:** I don't have a problem with you walking around and talking when you come into class. However, when class is scheduled to begin, you are to be in your seat and working on the board work.
- **Leaving at the end of class:** This is really simple: you will be dismissed when I am ready.. Do not pack up your things early (HUGE PET PEEVE!).
- **Finishing Work Early:** If at any point we do any class work and you finish early, find something to do. If there is homework on that particular night, do it. If not, read a book or something of that nature. Keep yourselves occupied and do not distract those around you.
- **Grading:** I will do my grading on a total points system. If you have a borderline grade (i.e. 79.6% or 89.5%) there is a possibility that I may round your grade up to the next letter grade. Some things I might take into consideration to determine rounding up your grade: Do you turn in your homework? Are you here in class on time? Do you participate in class? Here is the school's grading scale:
 - 100%-95%: A
 - 94%-93%: A-
 - 92%-91%: B+
 - 90%-88%: B
 - 87%-85%: B-
 - 84%-83%: C+
 - 82%-80%: C
 - 79%-77%: C-
 - 76%-75%: D+
 - 74%-72%: D
 - 71%-70%: D-
 - 69% or lower: F
 - If you are an athlete, you need to maintain a D- (70%) or higher in all of your classes to remain eligible to play sports. As a coach, I take grades seriously. You are STUDENT athletes. Represent your school well as a model student and athlete. I will not give anyone special treatment.

- **Tests and Quizzes**
 - Language Arts Vocabulary: Students will have 25 vocabulary tests and homework assignments throughout the year. On a four or five day week of school, students will receive a vocabulary homework assignment (due on test day), as well as Spelling City tasks to be completed the day before the test.. This assignment will be due on the last day of the week (typically a Friday), and you will take a test over the weekly words on that same day. The test will include some, if not all, of the following: spelling, definitions, synonyms, antonyms, sentence completion, and vocabulary in context.
 - Social Studies: There will be some sort of assessment over each unit throughout the year. There might be projects, oral tests, or the traditional written examination. You will also be responsible for taking a U.S. Constitution test in 7th grade and an Illinois Constitution test in 8th grade.
- **Extra credit:** There may be some opportunities throughout the school year where I give students a chance to do extra credit. Extra credit needs to be completed and turned in on time. I will not accept it late for any reason, unless you have an excused absence. It also needs to be completed fully with 100% effort. I will not take an assignment that is half done or was thrown together at the last minute. Students can always do extra current events assignments for additional points at any point during the year (5 points for each extra assignment completed).
- **Class Preparedness/Tardies**
 - This is simple: be here on time WITH ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS. The school is not that big, so there is no reason you should be late. If you know you're going to be late, have a teacher write you a pass.
- **Classroom Library**
 - Books must be checked out through me. Bring the book you want to check out to my desk and I will record it. You have it for three weeks, and a week for renewal if you want it beyond that point. If it is checked out for a project, please tell me and I will give you extended time.
 - I have the right to stop any individual or class from checking out books due to them being lost and/or damaged. Nearly all books were bought with my money, and I will not tolerate any abuse or carelessness.
- **Classroom Chromebook Policy**
 - Students will be responsible for following the guidelines set by the school in regard to their Chromebooks. In addition, I reserve the right to take your device away or disallow classroom use if it disrupts the learning environment. If this occurs, you will also receive a tech violation write-up. Further punishment could be issued by the teacher or administration if your offense is extreme.

- **My Website (www.mrsnyderushistory.weebly.com)**
 - The link to my website is extremely important. This is where I will post weekly lessons and all assignments. If you are absent, you can find your missing work here. You will also find helpful resources for research as well.
- **Emergency Procedures: Lock Downs, Tornado Drills/Severe Weather, Fire Drills**
 - Lock Down: You are to immediately stop what you are doing and sit on the floor nearby your assigned seating area. You must be **SILENT**. There will be an assigned location to meet outside of the building if we can get out safely.
 - Tornado/Severe Weather: Boys will report to the boys' locker room; girls will go to the girls' locker room. Transition quickly and quietly so you can hear instructions.
 - Fire Drill: We'll exit out of the south door and go to the side P.E. fields and meet by the pine tree/rock nearby the stop sign leading out of the parking lot. Walk quickly, but do not run. Again, exit quietly so you can hear instructions
 - If there are any questions, feel free to ask me or consult the wall by the door where all procedures are posted.