

The School of Champions - Grade 8 Code of Kindness

THE BASICS:

1. The main reason for school is to learn. The school is your place of work, and we must all follow the basic classroom rules.
2. You are old enough to be responsible for your own actions. You decide how you are going to work and behave in class, however, you need to be prepared for the consequences. Remember, consequences can be good (more freedom, more input into how you work, more celebrations), or bad (less freedom, more structure, less input into decisions, more work), depending on how you choose to act.
3. Grade Eight is an extremely busy year. This year is about preparing yourself for High School. This year, there will be many assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests. In order to be successful this year and to prepare you for high school, you will need to develop strong work habits.

Nonnegotiable Rules:

As you are already aware, every teacher has different styles and guidelines for in their classroom. With that in mind, here are the things that you must keep in mind when working in this room. If you follow them, you will never have an unexpected bad experience.

1. When you want to say something, put up your hand. Do not blurt out. Never talk when I, or one of your fellow classmates, is talking. When you are in class you are here to learn, so save your socializing for your own time.
2. Our desks will be in rows (we will sometimes move desks for various activities, but they always end up back in rows). You will be given a seating plan and you are expected to follow the seating plan, even when you have a substitute teacher.
3. Be on time for all classes. At the start of class be in your desk ready to work. Always come to class with all your classroom supplies-(binder, lined paper, agenda, pens/ pencils and your computer/ipad). My expectation is that you will be prepared to start class at the beginning of the period.
4. Homework must be done. You will be given time to work on most assignments in class, but when you do get homework, it is important that you have it completed by the assigned due date! Each night you are expected to read for a minimum of 45 minutes.
5. In grade eight, you must study for tests. There is a lot of material covered in your core subjects and you cannot remember all of it, so regular review is necessary, in order to be successful.
6. Use your agenda every day! A hard copy or an electronic device agenda is appropriate and make sure you bring it with you to every class. All of your homework will be available online and therefore, there are no acceptable excuses for not having homework completed on time (under normal circumstances). Be prepared for random homework checks!

7. When you are completing your work in a notebook or binder, you must write or print all good notes and hand-in assignments in ink (black or blue). Make sure the writing is neat, as messy work may result in you having to complete the work a second time. Do your best the first time and it will save you time in the end.
8. You may also use an electronic device, either a computer or ipad to complete some of your assignments, but you must be responsible for submitting all of your work digitally or in hard copy. All cellphones must be stored in your assigned pouch, unless you have been given permission to use it. **Your device(computer, ipad, cell phone), will not be used for video games, messenger, snapchat, Instagram, etc.** Please refer to "What's the Deal with Student Technology in Grade 6,7 and 8?" for information on student consequences. If you cannot be trusted with your electronics, we will find a different method for you to complete your assignments.
9. Unless you are away for an extended period of time, be ready to write any tests or hand in any assignments when you get back. If you have been away, make sure you remind me and catch up on all missed tests and assignments. **Make sure to check the homework page on Google Classroom for any missed work.**
10. The teacher's desk area is out of bounds.
11. If I am called out into the hall, I trust you will behave responsibly and continue your work quietly. Stay in your desks and continue working on what it is you are doing.
12. Let's make our room as nice a place as we can. Don't throw garbage on the floor. You must keep the desks in straight rows, and treat school property with respect. You must eat your lunch at your own desk this year, you are responsible for making sure your desk area has been cleaned up after you eat. You are encouraged to bring in water bottles, as I do not allow students to be leaving the classroom regularly.
13. If I am away from school, you will treat the substitute teacher with respect. It is business as usual, not party time. I will be extremely disappointed if I get reports of poor behaviour.

These are the rules set out for all students and it is expected that they will all be adhered to. After having understood all the information that has been outlined, please sign your name and date it in the space provided below.

Student Signature (Print Please)

Date