

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

1. Be inside the classroom when the bell rings. If you are not, it will be a tardy, and will fall under the school handbook for discipline. Please go to your seat right away for attendance. The bell at the end of the hour does not dismiss you; I do.
There will be no lining up at the door.
2. Bring binders, notebooks, homework, and writing utensils to class everyday.
3. Follow all school policies regarding conduct, dress code, attendance, and tardies.
4. Be respectful toward yourself, each other, and me. This includes respecting school property (desks, books, blinds, etc.), each other's property (notebooks, pencils, calculators, etc.), and my property (desk, closets, cabinets, computer, etc.) Please do not go into my desks or cabinets without permission. Just ask first.
5. Do not write on the desks or deface any of the other things in the room. Failure to abide by this rule will result in an after school detention to wash ALL the desks, or repair the damaged item.
6. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THE WORK MISSED IN YOUR ABSENCE.** You should either get the assignments from another classmate, the school website, or come see me. I will not track you down to make sure you have the assignment. You're in high school now; you need to take responsibility for your actions. You will have as many days as you were gone to make up the work. **If it is not made up in the allotted time, it becomes a zero. This includes tests and quizzes as well.**
7. In the event of my absence, be polite and respectful to the substitute teacher taking my place. Anyone who causes the substitute any grief will receive a minimum of two detentions from me. This kind of behavior reflects badly on you, me, and Reese Schools in general.
8. You will each receive three hall passes each marking period to go to your locker, the bathroom, or the library. Unused passes can be turned in at the end of the marking period for five points each of extra credit. These will be your only hall passes for the marking period, and I will keep close track of who uses how many.
9. Do not be disruptive. This does nothing more than take away from your, and your classmates, learning experience.

Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in an after school detention. Detentions will be served within the next week after the violation. There will be no exceptions.

WARM-UPS:

We will be doing daily warm-up activities that run on a two week cycle. The warm-up questions will cover a wide variety of topics, including both review, and new materials. You have the opportunity to earn extra credit points by demonstrating comprehension of these topics on a Progress Monitoring Test (PMT) that will be taken once every other week. PMT's are not made up. If you are absent on the day of a PMT, you just won't make it up; you will not receive the points and it will not be counted against you.

ASSIGNMENTS:

After each day's lesson, there will usually be some sort of an assignment based on the work that we did in class that day. My expectation is that you will do it to the best of your ability, **ON YOUR OWN**, and bring it back the next day completed. Daily homework is to be collected in a folder or binder and will be collected periodically throughout each marking period for somewhere between 20-40 points for each collection.

TESTS AND QUIZZES:

Scheduled quizzes will be given periodically throughout the marking period and will be worth about 8-10 points each. Tests will typically be given at the end of each chapter or unit and will usually be worth 100 points.

GRADING SYSTEM:

Grades will be assigned on a total point system. Points will be given for each activity, assignment, and test or quiz which is collected. Your grade will be determined by adding all or your earned points and dividing by the total number of points possible each marking period in order to calculate a percentage.

MAKE-UP WORK:

Late homework will not be accepted except in the case of an excused absence, when there will be one day of make-up allowed for each day of the excused absence. If you are absent just one day, you must make up missed quizzes or tests the day you return (either in class or before or after school). If you miss the review day before a test, you are still expected to take the test the day you return. (Tests and quizzes are always announced in advance.) The responsibility for keeping up with assignments is yours!

5 MINUTE RULE:

If you set up a time with me in the morning to make up a quiz, I will try to remember to stay in my room until five minutes after that appointment time that we agreed upon. After the five minutes, it will be up to you to track me down (I like to hang out in the teacher's lounge in the mornings), and I may still refuse to let you make up the quiz based on the time left before first hour begins. You will be allowed one reschedule for any given quiz or test; after that the score will be a zero.

EXTRA HELP:

I am available for making up quizzes and tests, and for giving extra help and answering questions most days both before and after school. I usually arrive at school by 7:35 AM, and leave by 4:00 PM, unless I have something going on. If you need help with something, feel free to drop in and get the help you need. If I know that you are coming, I will try to make sure that I am near my room; if you are just dropping in, you may need to track me down. **Remember: If the lights are on in my room, I am in the building somewhere!**

TEXTBOOKS: There is not a textbook for this class. However, if you would like one to use as a resource and reference tool, I can provide one to you to borrow for whatever period of time you would like.

CHEATING:

Students who talk during a test or quiz or whose eyes wander excessively, or who are caught using any type of cheating notes may be considered to be cheating. All persons who are involved in any kind of cheating on a test, quiz, or homework assignment will receive a zero on the work!!

CELL PHONES / MP3 PLAYERS / OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

I understand the need and desire for all of the electronic devices and gadgets out there. I love my own just as much as the rest of you. If you carry them with you out of fear of them being lost or stolen, that is not a problem. There may even be days when MP3 players are allowed to be used. However, if they become a distraction in the classroom, I am going to need to correct the situation. The first time there is an issue, I will simply ask you to put the device away. The 2nd time, I am going to confiscate it from you, and you can come and get it from me at the end of the day. I will also be calling home to let your parents know that we have had an issue like this more than once. The third (and all other) time you are using your phone or whatever device inappropriately, I will confiscate it and take it down to the office and give it to the principal. At that point, it will be at his discretion what is going to happen and when you can get it back.

GRADING SCALE:

93-up	A
90-92.99	A-
87-89.99	B+
83-86.99	B
80-82.99	B-
77-79.99	C+
73-76.99	C
70-72.99	C-
67-69.99	D+
63-66.99	D
60-62.99	D-
0-59.99	E

You must get a 93 to get an A. 92.99 is still an A-. I reserve the option to raise or lower borderline grade based upon classroom participation and cooperation.

SEMESTER GRADES:

Semester grades are figured on a 40% - 40% - 20% weighted system, where each marking period grade counts 40% and semester exam counts 20%.

Grading is done based upon a 11 scale where an A is 11, A- is 10...E is 0. Semester grades will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Example: MP1=A-, MP2=B. and Exam=D+

$$0.4(A-) + 0.4(B) + 0.2(D+) = 0.4(10) + 0.4(8) + 0.2(3) = 4 + 3.2 + .6 = 7.8 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow B$$