

TEECs
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7th Grade ELA/SS
Discipline Policy



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Dear 7th Graders,

This year will go by quickly and you will soon wake up an eighth grader. On that day, you will have one school year left before entering high school! You are no longer a young child and are growing into a teenager. Soon you will be a young adult! You have grown before your family's eyes and are making them proud with each day that goes by. You are being held to a very high standard and I know that you will not disappoint!

This year you will sign a contract with me. This will be a behavior contract. This behavior contract will include examples of unacceptable behaviors that reflect you in a way that is contrary to what you have been taught at home and in school. You will have the opportunity to review this document and refute any rules if you feel they are unfair or not feasible. You are welcome to add rules to it too. After you have reviewed this document and made a valid argument for any amendments or additions, I will print it for all of you to sign. Your guardians will have to sign it as well at Back to School Night.

Now, you may be thinking, what will be the penalty should I breach any classroom rule in this contract? The following is a chronological, consequence list of penalties, should you break any classroom rule that is in our contract.

I've listed the penalties in terms of offenses. With an offense being the breaking of a particular classroom rule. Therefore, this is the process that we will go through pertaining the breaching of a specific classroom rule.

1. The First Offense:

Teacher-Student Conference

I will make note of it and conference with you regarding the behavior. I promise not to embarrass you in front of your peers. You are not an adult, but you most definitely deserve to be respected.

2. The Second Offense:

Red Letter Email

This will be an email that you will compose and send to your guardians explaining to them how and why you broke a classroom rule. You must copy me on this email. You will also explain how you will avoid repeating this mistake in the future. You will conclude this email expressing your regret and also offer an apology for acting in a way that doesn't represent your character. These emails must be typed in **red text** to symbolize a behavior that is unacceptable and must be stopped.

3. The Third Offense:

Parent-Teacher Conference & Detention

I will meet with your parent regarding the classroom rule you have been breaking due to unacceptable behavior. In this meeting, we will discuss a behavior plan that will be implemented in class and potentially, at home. At this meeting your parent will be notified that should there be a Fourth Offense, you will be mandated to write a research paper about classroom discipline and reasoning for negative student behaviors. You will also have to go to detention for your third offense.

4. The Fourth Offense:

Classroom Behavior Research Paper & Detention (4 pages typed-must include in-text citations and a reference list. You will also have to go to detention for your fourth offense.

*After your fourth offense, we will begin the process all over again as your contract will then be renewed.

Please do not stress about my discipline policy because it is something I am sure you will not be affected by.

Reward System

I also have a plan set in place that serves as a reward system for individuals and the class as a whole. It is important to know the time and place for certain behaviors. In class it is a time to stay focused and accomplish all we can academically, but it is necessary to have time for fun and recreation. Our reward system plan is as follows:

Class Reward: We will work with a 4 point system. If we obtain a point at the end of each class period, when Friday comes along, we will have 4 points. These 4 points will earn us a half-hour academic game session. An app we could use for this is Kahoot. Please email any other academic game links/apps you think we would enjoy.

Individual Reward: If you are always on task and putting forth your best effort, I will email your guardians informing them of your academic success on the 15th of each month. I will suggest that your parent reward you for your academic achievement. This is not based on grades but on effort. You know that your parents will be receiving an email on the 15th if you have not committed any classroom offenses.

If you would like to suggest any reward ideas, feel free to email them to me explaining their implementation and benefit.

I look forward to our 7th Grade Language Arts and Social Studies experience together!

**Sincerely,
Ms. Crisafulli**