

# Cambridge Classroom Rules for Thinking Skills

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In addition to following the rules stated in the MDCPS's Code of Student Conduct and the school's rules, you must abide by these *policies*:

\* *Persistent* \* *Perceptive* \* *Punctual* \*  
\* *Prepared* \* *Precise* \* *Positive* \*

## *BE PERSISTENT*

- \* We need you learning EVERYDAY; therefore, you need to be in school daily!
- \* If you do have to be absent, you have two days from your return to make-up your work, or it is a zero. We will not accept your make-up work if your absence is unexcused. The exception to this is our readings. Whether you are ill or not, you must keep up with our class reading schedules.
- \* If you miss school due to a class, club, or sports activity, YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE YOUR SCHOOL-RELATED ABSENCE! In addition, if there is a quiz, test, or project on the day you have a school-related absence, you MUST complete it BEFORE you attend that activity or trip.

## *BE PERCEPTIVE*

- \* For the Battle of the Brain, you need to be alert and ready to learn EVERYDAY. There are no heads down...not even for a second.
- \* You will place your cell phone out of sight and out of mind. Like Elsa, "Let it go!" If you are caught with your cell phone, you will receive a B in conduct for that quarter. If you are caught a second time, we will hand your phone over to administration. If there is an emergency or a family issue when you come to school, let us know ahead of time, and we will work with you.
- \* There will be no iPods, MP3 players, or other electronic devices allowed in our room...unless a class project allows for one.

## *BE PUNCTUAL*

- \* If you are not in YOUR SEAT when the bell rings, working on your do-now, you will be considered tardy.
- \* For the first tardy you will receive a warning; the second results in a call home; and the third is a detention or referral!
- \* Turn in all of your work ON TIME! We will NOT accept late work. Have your name on your paper and your work STAPLED before you enter the room! It should be ready to be placed in the collator when you walk in the door.
- \* On dates that big projects are due, you MUST turn in your project EVEN IF you have an absence, field trip, late sign-in, or early sign-out (excused or not). There will be a 30% penalty for late projects. NO EXCUSES.
- \* Putting something off or doing something half-way will eventually require more effort AND rob you of more time than if you had done it (and done it right) in the first place!

## *BE PREPARED*

- \* You must come to class EVERYDAY with your materials and resources for learning.
- \* You will have homework nearly EVERY night ALL year. Do ALL of your homework! ZEROS will hurt you more than anything in our class. For one, it hurts your grade; moreover, it hurts your learning!
- \* Do your work, study adequately for tests, and do the required reading! We promise you that failure is impossible if you do all of those things.
- \* Be sure to use the restroom and attend to personal business before or after class. If you choose NOT to ask for a pass all quarter, you will get 2 extra credit points for your nine-week grade.
- \* At the end of class, remain in your seat. WE will dismiss you...NOT the bell.

## *BE PRECISE*

- \* Always follow directions and make sure all of your work is done NEATLY!
- \* You should always head your paper in the left-hand corner with your name, the date, and the period.
- \* Cheating and/or plagiarism are UNACCEPTABLE! If you are caught cheating on a homework assignment, you will receive a zero on the assignment and no higher than a 2 in effort and a C in conduct. If it is a test, project, essay, or other major assignment, you will receive a 3 in effort and an F in conduct. Not only that, you will receive an automatic zero for that assignment and a phone call home. THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS TO SUCCESS!

## *BE POSITIVE*

- \* We expect you to be respectful to us, your fellow classmates, and any guests to visit our room. Interruptions or disrespect will result in disciplinary action.
- \* Being a member of our class will help you be a better reader, writer, thinker, speaker and, with any luck, a better human being. Embrace our class with a smile and you won't go wrong! There are going to be times you will want to question our motives for readings, assignments, due dates, etc. You need to remember that we will never lead you into a snowstorm ill-prepared. We POSITIVELY won't let you down.
- \* If you have an issue with your grade or any other matter pertaining to our class, we would prefer to hear it from you first. The same goes for when we have an issue with you - we will talk to you first then call your parents if it's not fixed.
- \* We assure you, you will be standing tall at the end of this year if you give 100% of yourself.

