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**Grading:** The grading in this class is based on a points system. There is not an exact percentage for any certain type of work. In other words there is no weighting of categories. All assignments, quizzes, projects, and tests are added together. An example of the grading is below. Grading on assignments will be a combination of correct information, effort, quality, and creativity.

\*\*Points will be taken off from assignments for things such as: no heading, not using complete sentences, messiness, and not following directions.\*\*

Example:

Assignment	Points Possible	Your Points	Grade
Vocab	10	8	.80 or 80%
Quiz	10	6	.60 or 60%
Test	40	38	.95 or 95%
Worksheet	20	16	.80 or 80%
<b>OVERALL GRADE</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>.85 or 85%</b>

**Late work:** Late work is accepted in this class with the penalty of 1/4 off per day late. The assignment is considered late as soon as the work is collected. After three days late, students will receive a 0. Late work can also be affected by attendance (see Attendance Section).

**Attendance:** Attendance in this class is imperative. There are many notes, quizzes, activities, and class work that are completed during class. Any work that is missed due to an absence is the student's responsibility to ask for the information. Students will have the the number of days they are out to make up the work. For example, if the student is absent 2 days, you will have 2 days to make up the work.

Students who do not get their makeup work when they return will face late work penalties. Students who turn in work after the number of days allowed to make up the work, late work penalties will be applied.

Please be aware that if you have field trips, retreats, performances, blood drives, etc...., and you have arrived at school that day, your homework is due that day whether you are in class or not. This also includes homework due the next day. Late work penalties will be put in place if you do not comply.

If you are absent the day you are to give a presentation, you will go first the day you return. If you are part of a group presentation, the group will still present without you.

**Test Makeups:** If you are absent during the class time of a test or quiz, expect to take a much different test than your classmates. The information and content will be the same, but the format will often be very different. Students have the same number of days they have been absent to make up the test or quiz. For example, if the student is out one day, the student will have one day to make up the test or quiz.

**Google Classroom:** This will be used to post all homework assignments.

**Academic Dishonesty:** Cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated in my class or any other class. If you are caught cheating, you will receive a zero on the assignment/quiz/test and will be referred to the principal for further disciplinary action.

**Rules:** All rules in the student handbook will be enforced. There are some specifics to consider when my class.

1. Respect all people in the class at all times
2. No talking while I am talking. If you are engaged in a conversation while the teacher is talking or one of your classmates is presenting.
3. No working on homework for another class, unless there is free time at the end of the class. If you are caught, your work will be confiscated and the teacher of the class you were working on will be informed.
4. Show up to class on time with all materials - More than one tardy to class will result in detention
5. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom during class without your planner (there will be limits to the amount of times leaving class)
6. Show up to class wearing your I.D.
7. You are to be in full/proper uniform, failure to do this will result in detention
8. You are not to wear headphones during class unless teacher states it is ok
9. Do not touch things that are not yours
10. Do not touch other people
11. Do not have your cell phones out for any reason (unless instructed by teacher)
12. No food or drink in the classroom. However, during hot days, water and only water will be allowed in class.

### **Cell Phone Consequences:**

Zero tolerance. Cell phone will be confiscated and detention issued

**Availability:** I am available before school every day, after school most days for additional help. You can take the chance to stop in, but I would advise setting up a time to be sure that I will be available. Do not wait until it is too late to get help.