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Welcome to Shaw Middle School, home of the Vikings! We are looking forward to a fantastic year together! A successful classroom is built upon a foundation of mutual respect. With your cooperation, we will be learning a lot this year and having a lot of fun!

Classroom Expectations: “The 3 Rs”

READY: be on time, enter the classroom quietly, turn in homework, check the board for work, and immediately go to your assigned seat. #nofreedays

RESPONSIBLE: bring all materials, necessary work, headphones and electronics put away, and properly dressed every day. MAXIMIZE learning by staying on task and following directions. #workhard

RESPECTFUL: be nice or neutral to everyone. #benice

- ✓ Swearing, teasing, talking back and bullying will NOT be tolerated!
- ✓ When switching classes, go directly to your next class.
- ✓ Keep cellphones in backpacks and backpacks in locker.
- ✓ Bathroom breaks during passing periods only, if the line is more than 1 person, see a teacher.
- ✓ Absolutely NO EATING (unless it is snack time or the teacher provides you a snack) or DRINKING (except water).
- ✓ If you don't own it, don't write, draw, carve on, or pick at it.
- ✓ **Possible positive consequences of following the 3 R's:**
- ✓ self pride, classroom prizes, Fun Friday, preferential seating & other priveleges.
- ✓ **Possible negative consequences:**
- ✓ Gentle reminder, refocus area, loss of lunch recess, call home, alternative seating, office referral, parent/teacher/student conference.



What you need for class

- Lenovo Laptop and charger (provided)
- Headphones (provided)
- 3 ring binder* (provided)
- Student planner* and handbook (provided)
- pencil(s), colored pen(s)/highlighter(s)
- 5 Subject Notebook* (provided)

*These items are considered necessary for students to do their jobs. If items are lost, students will need to replace these items by repurchasing or working to earn a replacement.

SLANT

* A learning mindset is crucial! Therefore, we will be practicing **SLANT** all year. Sit up, Listen to speaker, Ask and answer questions, Nod your head to show you are listening, Track the speaker.

Curriculum:

We will be using different text books throughout the year. The students will have a book checked out to them and they are responsible for their book, and for having their book with them in class.





Grading Scale

A	93-100	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	60-66	1.0
F	Below 60	0

Hall Pass Policy

Students are expected to be in class, LEARNING during class time. Instruction time is not an appropriate time to ask for permission to leave the class, passes may be used during independent work time. Should a student need to leave class, students will:

1. ask for permission/have a pass/be requested from the office
2. present teacher with either a V.I.P. card or a class pass

Grading Policy

Our classwork and homework is for the preparation of successful performance on assessments and skills needed to be successful in high school and after. Classwork/homework is designed to provide students an opportunity to practice the skills we will be measuring. Students need to complete assignments and participate in class. Students are encouraged to fix any quiz/test that did not demonstrate proficiency on.

Homework Policy

Agenda and homework will be posted on classroom slides. Students will need to make sure to write their assignments down in their school planners.

- ✓ Homework is NOT busywork. It is necessary for you to complete in order to participate in class and/or develop important thinking/skills, or reflect on the learning done in class that day.
- ✓ Homework assignments may include, but are not limited to: independent practice, completing class assignment, previewing information and taking notes, and/or revising tests/quizzes.

Absent/Late

Students that have been absent will need to ask their neighbor what they missed. If there are any handouts that the student needs, they will need to look in the class assignment file sorter. Students will have one day, for every excused absence, to complete missed assignments. Please come see us if assistance is needed! We are willing to make accommodations if needed.

Pledge

I have read and understand our team's course guide and understand that I am responsible for taking ownership of my learning in our class.

Student Signature:

Family Signature:
