SCUSD has an on-line computer program (Zangle) that will allow parents and students to view student attendance, grades, and assignments. This will also allow you to email the teachers with questions. The course is constructed to teach so students can succeed.

“We must teach our students the value of hard work, being prepared, and perseverance”

J. Raymond, Superintendent SCUSD, Middle School Symposium, August 11, 2009

“I challenge students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning”

President Obama, September 8, 2009

General Procedures:

Homework will be posted on Zangle, and on the board.

Missed work/Excused Absence

The student is responsible for getting missed notes and assignments from a fellow student. Check Zangle to find missed assignments. Find someone in the class to share phone numbers with so you can get missed assignments or help. Test retakes are at the teacher’s discretion. Spelling tests, cumulative writing, and reflection will be completed every Friday. Standard mastery tests will be announced and students will be given an opportunity to study.

1. You need to be prepared for class when the bell rings.
2. Prepared for class means: pencils sharpened, quiet, in your seat before the dell rings! Check the board for warm up activity, and start them. You are tardy if you are not in your seat prepared to work or working by 9:05.
3. Bathroom passes are not a right they are a privilege.
   You may ask politely and if it does not interfere with the smooth operation of the class I may allow you to go. We are the sole judge of what an emergency is concerning bathroom passes. Please take care of your personal needs before class. Absolutely no bathroom passes the first 15 minutes of the class and the last 15 minutes of class.
   Five minutes is all that you are allowed out of the room if a bathroom pass is approved. If you exceed this time limit, or use the privilege habitually you will lose this privilege. No exceptions.
4. You will need to provide the following materials for use in class:
   A. Pencils.
   B. A pen with black or blue ink. Most final copies will be submitted electronically.
C. Sheets of lined paper.
D. Tab notebook dividers, 3 ring binder, Eraser, and a highlighter.

5. I do not normally accept late papers. If you must turn in an assignment late, please see me before it is due so we may discuss the matter. Students who finish an assignment as soon as possible usually do better than those who wait until the last minute. Budget your time.

6. Class Dismissal
   The bell does not dismiss you from class, We do! You must wait for the teacher to dismiss you. Work areas must be clean and supplies put away

   Classroom Discipline and Expected Behaviors

   Since most of you have been in school for several years, I believe that you know what is acceptable behavior both in and out of the classroom.

   1. No gum, food or drinks in the classroom (except water bottles). No personal grooming during class time

   2. Please use the pencil sharpener before class starts.

   3. Watch your language! What is acceptable at your house or with your friends may not be acceptable in class, especially sexist or racist language, even if it “just slipped out.” Remember I am the sole judge of what is acceptable language.

   4. Unacceptable behavior before, during, and after class is not OK. I am the sole judge of what is acceptable behavior. Raise your hand to speak. Place your backpack neatly beside or behind you desk. Do not block the aisle. Write the objective for the lesson, the homework and set up your notes. Do the warm-up problems on the board

   5. School rules, dress code as listed in the Student Handbook will be enforced.

   6. Please do not play with things in class. I take them and return them either to your parents or to you on the last day of school. Consider yourself warned. Cell phones are to be off and out of sight at all times. If a student is found using one it will be taken away and turned in to the office, the parent may be called.

   We are available at lunch or after school by appointment. If you are having any difficulty or are confused about what we are doing and you would like individual attention, come and see us.
Class Rules:
1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Pay attention in class and take notes.
3. Be courteous; respect yourself and others at all times.
4. Be punctual to class and prompt with assignments.
5. Bring all necessary materials to class.

If a student chooses to break a rule:

1st Consequence – Counseling with student before, during, or after class.
2nd Consequence - Adjustment in seating arrangement/ phone call to parent or guardian, “time out” in another class, and after school detention.
3rd Consequence – Referral to office administrator.

Students who display positive behaviors will earn positive reinforcements:

1. Praise.
2. Positive notes to students and/or parents (guardians).
3. Bonus points

Grades

1. Grades measure progress toward a goal. A “C” grade means you are making the minimum acceptable progress.

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2. Citizenship grades are mostly subjective. Tardies will lower your citizenship grade as will consistent unacceptable behavior. This includes wandering around the classroom, passing notes, talking, and not paying attention.

3. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up your work. Make-up work needs to be submitted within two days.

4. Extra credit work is just that. Extra. You are welcome to do extra credit work if all of your regular class work is up to date. In other words, Extra means in addition to not in place of regular assignments. See me to contract for extra credit projects.

5. From time to time you will be assigned long-term projects to be completed outside of the classroom. These long-term projects are very important to your grade. They always count at least 50% of the points possible for the semester.
Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your support throughout this year.

Students: I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the standards discussed above.

____________________________  _________________
Student Signature     Date

Parents: My child has discussed the classroom standards with me. I understand, agree to, and support these standards.

_____________________________  ___________________
Parent Signature      Date

Teacher: We will be fair and consistent in administering the discipline plan for all of our students.

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