**Classroom Rules – Examples and Non-Examples**

Guidelines for Classroom Rules:

* Rules should be 3 to 5 in number.
* Rules should be specific and refer to observable behaviors; should not be open to interpretation.
* Rules should be stated positively.
* Rules are applicable throughout the entire day / class period no matter what the academic activity.
* Rules should be posted in prominent place and linked to the School-Wide, Class-Wide Expectations or GCS Character Traits.

**Classroom Rules**

**Examples and Non-Examples**

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| **Examples of Effective Rules** | **Non-examples of Effective Rules** |
| **COMPLIANCE RULES**:* Do what your teacher asks immediately.
* Follow directions the first time they are given.
* Do what the teacher asks you to do.

**PREPARATION RULES**:* Bring paper, pencil and books to class.
* Bring your completed homework to class.
* Bring your PE clothes to class.
* Bring required books and materials to every class.
* Be prepared: in seat on time, two sharp pencils, binder with paper, textbooks

**IN-CLASS BEHAVIOR RULES**:* Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
* Keep unkind words to yourself – needs a good lesson plan.
* Start work immediately, work during all work times.
* Stay on task during work times.
* Complete all assignments given by the teacher.
* Turn completed assignments in on time.
* Walk in the classroom.
* Use words that are acceptable at school (no profanity) – needs a good lesson plan.
* Use materials and equipment as taught by your teacher.
* Keep your space clean and free of trash.
* Keep this classroom beverage and food free.
* Finish all food and beverages before entering the classroom.
* Respond as instructed to our attention signal.
* When conversation is allowed, wait until another person has finished talking before you begin.
* Stay in your seat unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.
* Use classroom hand signals to get the teacher’s attention (hand signals taught and posted).

**ON TIME / ATTENDANCE RULES**:* Turn completed assignments in on time.
* Be in your seat before the bell rings.
* Be in class and prepared by 8:00 a.m.
* Come to class every day that you are not ill.
* Be in your assigned seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
* Arrive to class on time.
 | **School Wide Expectations**:* Be responsible.
* Be a good citizen.
* Respect authority.
* Pay attention.
* Be ready to learn.
* Do your best.
* Be kind to others.
* Be polite.
* Be safe.
* Show respect to self and others.
* Cooperate with others.
* Treat others as you want others to treat you.
* Be kind.
* Have a winning attitude.

**Rules that are unclear** (in the eyes of the beholder):* Speak appropriately to adults and peers.
* Behave appropriately at all times.
* Use good manners.
* Work hard.

**Rules with exceptions** (so rely on your Routines):* Raise hand for permission to speak (Conversation)
* Stay in your seat (Movement)
* Work Quietly (Conversation)
* Stay in your assigned space (Movement)
* Raise your hand for assistance from the teacher (Help).
* Raise your hand to speak (Help).
* Ask a neighbor if you have a question (Help).
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