**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). |