

Contract for Mr. Rosenthal's Unified Science Class

You and your parents should read this contract. You will need to follow my rules and procedures in order to be successful in my class. Sign and date the contract when you are finished reading it. Have your parents sign it as well. This is your first homework assignment.

Rules

- Students will treat others with **respect** at all times.
- Students will treat school property with **respect** at all times.
- Students will come to class **on time**.
- Drinks are permitted but there is **no food** permitted in the classroom.
- Electronic devices of any kind are **not permitted** during class time.

If You Choose to Break a Rule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Consequence</u>
First Time:	Reminder
Second Time:	Private Discussion
Third Time:	Detention & Parent Notification
Fourth Time:	Discipline Referral/ Student Sent to Office
Fifth Time:	Discipline Referral & Parent Conference

Any **extreme actions** (such as safety issues, disruptive behavior, disrespect, threats, etc.) will result in the student being sent to the office.

Tardy Policy

<u>Tardy #</u>	<u>Consequence</u>
1	Reminder
2	Make up time
3	15 minute detention
4	30 minute detention
5	45 minute detention
6	60 minute detention
7	Discipline Referral

Rewards

Praise (daily)
5 minute break (daily)
Positive notes home (random)
Class trip to school store (random)
Class party (at end of semester)
Possible field trip(s)
The joy of learning (each day of the semester)

A rewarding class is the ultimate reward for your cooperation.

Procedures

Books – **Your book is your responsibility.** If your book turns up missing, you will have to pay for it. Keep your book in a safe place.

Passing in Papers – Before the bell rings, place any assignments in the bin on my desk.

Be Prepared – Make sure you have a pen or pencil, your textbook, and paper before the class begins. If you need a pen or pencil please, get it before class begins. Please return any pens or pencils that you borrow.

Do Now Assignment – Please walk to your assigned seat before the bell rings and begin working on the do now assignment. The assignment will be posted on the board daily.

Getting Your Attention – When I want the attention of the class I will say, “I need your attention please.” When I say this, please stop talking and look up. Be ready for instruction. I will have something to say.

Notes – The notes help you learn key points. Keep your notes in a notebook. The notes will help you to review for tests.

Activities & Labs – **Safety will come first.** Unsafe behavior or fooling around will not be tolerated. Students are expected to clean up after themselves.

Tests – The tests are challenging. You will have to apply knowledge that you have learned. You must take the test unless you were absent the day before the test. You will have one week to make up the test. **Be sure to study for tests.** If you need extra help preparing for a test, please make an appointment with me to come in for extra help.

Hall Pass – **One student may be out at a time. Students should not be out of the classroom for over 4 minutes.** Students who exceed 4 minutes will have to make up the time. Students should only use passes for emergencies. Students should only use the pass a maximum of one time during a class. Students must notify me of their destination before they leave. If there is some reason why you need more than 4 minutes for a hall pass, please obtain a written note from your parent or guardian or the school nurse that explains why you need more time.

The Door – Please shut the door firmly so that it closes. The hallway can be noisy at times, so closing the door helps filter out the noise.

Due Dates - You are expected to hand in assignments **on time.** Any late assignments will be penalized. No excuses.

Make Up Policy – **Excessive absences will not be tolerated.** More than 11 absences will result in loss of credit. You should only be absent if it is absolutely necessary. If you are absent, please get an excused or unexcused absence pass from the office **before first block**

begins. Please see me before or after class to get the make up work. You will have one week to complete make up assignments. **Failure to make up work will result in a zero.**

Passes – If a pass is delivered to you it must be presented to me so I can see the pass.

Needs – If you have any needs please communicate them to me in a respectful, private, and confidential manner.

Direct Instruction – During direct instruction, please raise your hand if you have a question or comment that relates to the lesson.

Volume Control – During individual or group work you may talk but your volume level should be low so you do not disturb other students.

Library Pass – Up to 5 students may take a pass to the library. You may go to the library if you have a specific assignment that you need to work on. When you go to the library you must sign in and sign out. You are expected to follow the rules of the library and be on task at all times. If you abuse the privilege, you will lose the privilege.

Emergency Alert Signal/ Fire Drill – If you hear an emergency alert signal, please walk calmly out of the building through the nearest exit. Our class will meet outside by the large maple tree by the athletic field. I will show you where to go.

School Rules – Familiarize yourself with the rules in the student handbook. I will enforce school rules.

Extra Help – I am available for extra help after school. Students who do not take advantage of extra help should not make excuses about their grades.

Cut Policy – Each class cut will result in a discipline referral and parent notification. **Four cuts will result in loss of credit.**

Grading Policy

Tests	100 points
Labs & Projects	100 points
Quizzes	50 points
Class Participation & Homework	100 points

Students will be assigned homework, on average, three times per week. The Final Exam will count as 20% of your final grade for this course.

You must **earn** your grade in my class. I have **high expectations** for you in terms of the quality of your work and your behavior in my class. **You are responsible for your behavior. Respect is everyone's right and everyone's responsibility. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated.** I wish you the best of luck and I hope that you are successful in my class.

Please sign and date on the dotted line. Your signature indicates that you understand the rules and procedures for my class.

Students Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date