

Carr's Rules

1. **Arrive at the classroom on time and prepared.** Bring something to write with, your book, and a binder with you every day. If you wish to eat or drink during class time, make sure that you arrive with your food and beverage. **You will not be allowed to go to the school store, vending machines or the cafeteria during class time.** Don't forget to clean up after yourself. **Please stow your IPod or other music player for the duration of our time together.**
2. When you are in this classroom, I expect that you **treat your classmates, me, and any other adult (including substitute teachers) with respect.** If you feel that another person has mistreated you (student or adult), it is your responsibility to approach me, another teacher, or an administrator about the matter. **Don't take the law into your own hands.** Almost always this results in you getting in trouble as well. Teachers and administrators at MAUHS value your opinion and we work hard to make sure that your voice is heard. However, we cannot back you up if you have acted irresponsibly, even if it is in retaliation for an injustice toward you.
3. You must have a pass from the office after an absence. In addition, it is your responsibility to approach me when you have been absent in order to obtain information about missed work and to hand in assignments that were due on the day you were absent.
4. Once a quiz or test is announced to the class you will be expected to meet that obligation. If absent on the day of the quiz or test, talk to me the first day that you return so we can mutually agree upon a time to make it up. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, you will have three school days after you return to make it up. If not completed by that time, your grade will be a 0.
5. **Keep track of upcoming due dates.** I understand that you have commitments such as homework for other classes, sports, and after school jobs. That is why I usually discuss assignments and their due dates at least a week in advance. That way you can decide how to manage your time wisely. **If you don't complete most of the assignments, you WILL fail this class.**
6. Save all quizzes, tests and handouts so that you can use them to study for the final exam. You should keep your handouts in a 3 ring binder (please see me if you are unable to get one on your own). In order to reinforce the importance of keeping your work organized, **graded notebook checks will occur.**

Carr's Consequences

Make yourself familiar with the "*Philosophy of the Discipline Policy*" and "*Student Expectations*" in the Parent and Student Handbook. In addition, here is what you can expect from me:

1. You will start the year with a 100% for one test grade, which is dedicated to coming to class on time and prepared. One point will be deducted for each minute you are late to class without an excused tardy pass. Tardy time can be earned back by spending double time with me after school.
2. If you return from your locker or the bathroom with food or a drink, you will be asked to leave it at the front of the room until you depart at the end of the block.

3. Disrespectful behavior such as listening to your Ipod during instruction time, swearing, rudeness, or refusing to cooperate with instructions will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the severity and history of inappropriate behavior, consequences might be a dirty look, a 1:1 chat with me, a call home, a meeting with your counselor and/or an administrator and/or a parent/guardian, writing a letter of apology, or being sent to ISS.

Grading Policy

1. Assignments range from activities such as writing about a topic, participating in a classroom discussion or debate, worksheets, answering questions from the textbook, quizzes, projects and tests. I have listed them in order from the lowest to the highest point value. Your final exam is worth 10% of your final grade. **Some writing assignments and projects will first be marked with comments only. You will not receive a grade until you act on the comments.**

2. All assignments will be given a point value (you will know the value before you start working on it). Your average is calculated by adding your points earned by the total points available. I am happy to tell students their current average and number of points earned at any time during the semester, and will periodically send home a grade report that must be signed by a parent/guardian.

3. **Late or no work hurts your grade.** Five points will be deducted for each school day an assignment is late. Late work can always be handed in to earn at least 10 points (unless it is an assignment such as an outline, in which all students will respond with the same answer—in this case I will not accept the assignment after it has been discussed in class or handed back).

A Few Final Words

Students, remember that the only “dumb” question is the one not asked. Please speak up if you have a question or concern. If you would like help during or after school, please see me so we can set up an appointment (since I don’t have a room, you can’t just stop by to see if I’m there).

Parents/Guardians, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school (447-7511) or via e-mail (scarr@svsu.org). My planning and lunchtime is from 11:00-12:30 and I am usually in the humanities office (ext. 205). If you leave a message, please be sure to let me know **what time I should call you back.**

Please Detach and Return this portion

Student’s Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Phone number/e-mail:** _____

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