

# MS. JOHNSON'S CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- **Be prompt.** It is important that we make the most of our time together in class, so be here on time! *It is also distracting to other students who are working when you walk in late, so please, do your best to be on time!*
- **Be prepared.** Bring the basic necessities to class every day. This includes your school computer, headphones, binder, science notebook, & pens/pencils. *Habitually coming to class unprepared is irresponsible and disrupts the learning process!*
- **Be productive.** You are here to learn and part of being ready to learn is coming to class open to new ideas! *Regular participation in class will contribute greatly to your learning, productivity, and overall grade in this course.*
- **Be polite.** I go by the Golden Rule. I expect you to do the same. A classroom is an environment open to new ideas and open discussions. This is not possible without respect for one another. Under no circumstances will verbal abuse, physical confrontation, or destruction of classroom or personal property be tolerated. *Bad attitudes are no fun for anyone, so leave them at the door.*
- **Be responsible.** Do not give me excuses for not completing your homework, being late, etc. You will take responsibility for your own achievement in this class. You are not “given” a grade by a teacher. Grades are earned by students and recorded by teachers. *Success is a reward for those who try hard consistently and pay attention to their academic responsibilities.*
- **No personal electronics or headphones/earpods (when not expressly permitted by the teacher).** The only electronic device allowed during the class period is your school-issued computer. It is only to be in use when expressly permitted by the teacher. All other electronic devices and headphones/earpods should not be visible or in use during class time (Ex: cell phones, music players, tablets, non-school computers, earpods etc.) *If you are unsure -- ask!*
- **Students are expected to attend class every day;** however there are times when a student must be absent. When it comes to student retrieval of missed work, both the teacher and student have responsibilities to uphold. If you miss a day you are responsible for completing all missed work ASAP, picking up necessary handouts from the “while you were out” folder, and scheduling a time to make up any labs or coming in for extra help.
- **No working on other teachers assignments in class.** The only exception is if the student has completed all assignments for science.
- **Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated.** Your work is expected to be your own in this class -- no copying from other students or pasting answers from the internet. If these or other issues of plagiarism occur, you will receive a ZERO for the assignment. *Please do your own work, and come to me if you need help!* [CLICK HERE to see my Academic Honesty Policy.](#)
- **Inappropriate language will not be tolerated** including putting others down or insults directed at others. Our classroom should be a space where all students feel safe to share their thinking without being belittled.
- **You may NOT eat in the classroom.** Any food brought into the science classroom will be confiscated. *This policy is in place for your health and safety.*
- **Lab materials should only be touched when specifically instructed to.** If a lab is set up when you walk in the room, do not touch anything. You are responsible for replacing any equipment that is broken due to immature behavior.
- **While working in the lab, safety is the number one priority.** If a student compromises the safety of themselves or another student, they will be immediately removed from the lab and given a zero for the activity. Parents will be notified that day in writing or by phone, and school administration will also be made aware of the situation.
- **Leave the classroom (and especially the lab) space better than you found it!** Even if you did not directly create a mess, take ownership of our classroom and help to clean up.