

THE B.R.A.G. BRIGADE

Mrs. Barrionuevo, Mrs. Rodriguez, Miss Allen, and Ms. Gonzalez

Rules for AICE General Paper, AICE English Language, and AICE English Literature

In addition to following the rules stated in the MDCPS's Code of Student Conduct and the school's rules, you must abide by these policies:

PERSISTENT ✪ PERCEPTIVE ✪ PUNCTUAL ✪ PREPARED ✪ PRECISE ✪ POSITIVE

BE PERSISTENT

- ✪ We need you in the trenches of learning EVERYDAY; therefore, you need to be in school daily!
- ✪ If you do have to be absent, you have two days from your return to make-up your work, or it's a zero. We will not accept your make-up work if your absence is unexcused. The exception to this is our readings. Whether you are ill or not, you must keep up with our class reading schedules.
- ✪ If you miss school due to a class, club or sports activity, YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE YOUR SCHOOL-RELATED ABSENCE! In addition, if there is a quiz, test, or project on the day you have a school-related absence, you MUST complete it BEFORE you attend that activity or trip.

BE PERCEPTIVE

- ✪ For the Battle of the Brain, you need to be alert and ready to learn EVERYDAY. There are no heads down...not even for a second.
- ✪ You will place your cell phone in an assigned slot in the cell phone locker when you walk in the door every class. If you are caught with your cell phone, whether you are using it or not, you will receive a C in conduct for that quarter. If you are caught a second time, we will hand your phone over to administration. If there is an emergency or a family issue when you come to school, let us know ahead of time, and we will allow you to keep your phone with you that day.
- ✪ There will be no iPods, MP3 players, or other electronic devices allowed in our room...unless a class project allows for one.

BE PUNCTUAL

- ✪ If you are not in YOUR SEAT when the bell rings, you will be considered tardy.
- ✪ For the first tardy you will receive a warning; the second results in a call home; and the third is a detention or referral!
- ✪ Turn in all of your work on time, as we will dock you 25% if it's late (unless it is make-up work). Have your name on your paper and your work STAPLED before you enter the room! It should be ready to go when you walk in the door.
- ✪ On dates that big projects are due, you MUST turn in your project EVEN IF you have an absence, field trip, late sign-in, or early sign-out (excused or not). There will be a 30% penalty for late projects. NO EXCUSES.
- ✪ Putting something off or doing something half-way will eventually require more effort AND rob you of more time than if you had done it (and done it right) in the first place!

BE PREPARED

- ✪ You must come to class EVERYDAY with your weapons for learning (vocab journal, English binder, pen, and book if requested).
- ✪ SOLDIERS train often. You will have homework nearly EVERY night ALL year. Do ALL of your homework! ZEROS will hurt you more than anything in our class. For one, it hurts your grade; moreover, it hurts your learning!
- ✪ Do your work, study adequately for tests, and do the required reading! We promise you that failure is impossible if you do all of those things.
- ✪ Be sure to use the restroom and attend to personal business before or after class. If you choose NOT to ask for a pass all quarter, you will get 10 extra credit points for your nine week grade.
- ✪ At the end of class, remain in your seat. We will dismiss you...NOT the bell.

BE PRECISE

- ✪ Always follow directions and make sure all of your work is done NEATLY!
- ✪ You should always head your paper in the right-hand corner with your name, the date, and the period.
- ✪ Cheating and/or plagiarism are UNACCEPTABLE! If you are caught cheating on a homework assignment, you will receive no higher than a 2 in effort and a C in conduct. If it's a test, project, essay, or other major assignment, you will receive a 3 in effort and an F in conduct. Not only that, you will receive an automatic zero for that assignment and a phone call home. THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS TO VICTORY!

BE POSITIVE

- ✪ We expect you to be respectful to us, your fellow comrades, and any guests. Interruptions or disrespect will result in disciplinary action.
- ✪ Being a part of the BRAG BRIGADE will help you be a better reader, writer, thinker, speaker and, with any luck, a better human being. Embrace our class with a smile and some "hoo-aaah!" and you won't go wrong! There are going to be times you will want to question our motives for readings, assignments, due dates, etc. You need to remember that we will never lead you into combat ill-prepared. We POSITIVELY won't let you down.
- ✪ If you have an issue with your grade or any other matter pertaining to our class, we'd prefer to hear it from you first. The same goes for when we have an issue with you - we will talk to you first then call your parents if it's not fixed.
- ✪ Always remember to ask yourself "WWDD?" (If you don't understand this now, you will very soon.)
- ✪ We assure you, you will be standing tall at the end of this battle if you give 100% of yourself.

By signing below, you have indicated that you have read and UNDERSTAND the policies AND the syllabus provided by the B.R.A.G. Brigade.

Student's Name

Student's Signature

Student's E-mail Address

Student's Cell Number

Parent's Name

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