

General Expectations

- 1.) **Students are responsible for their materials, their work, and their behavior – always.**
- 2.) Students will always be on-task, and if there is any conversation, it will be relevant to what we are learning.
 - a. Students will lose points from their Classroom Performance grade for all off-task behavior.
- 3.) The classroom should be kept neat and organized at all times.
 - a. Students who do not put materials back where they belong will be kept after class to help clean the room up.
- 4.) **Students will always show respect for others at all times.**
 - a. All behavior problems will be dealt with as per the Gold Stars Handbook.
 - b. All occurrences will be accompanied with loss of Classroom Performance points. Depending on the severity of the situation, some of the steps may be skipped. The principal will be involved only in extreme situations.
- 5.) When someone else is talking, students will be attentive and polite – keeping their eyes on the speaker, allowing only one person at a time to talk, **not having any side conversations**, not putting head down, etc.
 - a. Students who are not attentive and respectful when someone else is talking will: 1st – lose points from Classroom Performance grade, 2nd – be assigned lunch detention and a note will be sent home that will need to be signed and returned.
- 6.) **Students will always come prepared for class.** This means bringing something to write with, a notebook with paper, any assignments needed, and any other materials they have been instructed to bring.
 - a. Materials will be provided to students who forget a pencil, paper, worksheet, etc. – however, points will be deducted from their Classroom Performance grade for each occurrence.
 - b. If a student is consistently unprepared for class, the student will be assigned a lunch detention, and a note will be sent home for a parent to sign.
- 7.) Students will treat the classroom equipment with respect and care. This includes the Senteo Handheld Remotes, SMART Board, touch screen podium, laptops, and computers. **Students will only use these things when specifically instructed to by the teachers.**
- 8.) Students are expected to follow all rules and expectations set forth by the Gold Stars Team Handbook, the Central Dauphin Middle School Code of Conduct, and the Central Dauphin School District Code of Conduct.
- 9.) Students are expected to follow the grading and homework guidelines set forth in the classroom syllabus.
- 10.) Students are expected to follow the following procedures each day in class:

Classroom Procedures

- 1.) Students will come into class **quietly**.
- 2.) Students will **go directly to their assigned seat**.
- 3.) Once seated, students will take out their notebook, pencil, as well as any homework assignments that may be due.
- 4.) Students will log on to their remotes.
- 5.) Students will begin work on the Do Now on the board (**All students should have followed the first 5 steps prior to the bell ringing**)
- 6.) During class, **students are expected to raise their hand** to:
 - a. Provide a response
 - b. Ask a question
 - c. Receive permission to leave their seat
 - i. The only time students are permitted to leave their seats without asking permission:
 1. To sharpen a pencil
 2. To get supplies while working on an assignment (i.e. – colored pencils, additional paper, markers, etc.)
 3. To get a tissue
- 7.) Students are expected to be on-task at all times during class. This means paying attention, **not talking with a neighbor**, not passing notes, not working on work for other classes, not drawing or doodling, **not having their head down**, not being turned around, not working ahead, taking notes when necessary, etc.
- 8.) At the end of the period, the teacher will instruct students when it is time to pack up. Packing up early will result in a loss of Classroom Performance points, as well as a delay in the rest of the class being dismissed. Consistently packing up early will result in a lunch detention.
- 9.) The teacher – **not the bell** – will dismiss students at the end of period. Students will walk out of the room in an orderly fashion, and will **push their chairs in** before they leave.
- 10.) At no point during the period will students be permitted to go to their lockers.

Rewards

- 1.) Students will receive RAMS Rules coupons for things like:
 - a. Good behavior
 - b. Helping fellow students
 - c. Helping the teacher
 - d. Going 'above & beyond' on assignments
 - e. Providing insightful responses
- 2.) Note will be sent home, or phone calls will be placed, to parents informing them of positive behavior and academic achievements.
- 3.) Students will have the opportunity to earn treats, homework passes, quiz passes, and extra credit points throughout the year.
- 4.) Exceptional students will be considered for the Student of the Month for the Gold Stars team. This comes with a certificate and a gift card to Borders.
- 5.) Positive behavior and academic excellence may also earn a raffle ticket.
 - a. At the end of each quarter, raffle tickets will be drawn for prizes like: candy, homework/quiz passes, extra credit, gift cards (Borders, iTunes, Visa, etc), lunch pizza party for you and 4 friends, breakfast donut party for you and 4 friends, a personal DVD player, an iPod.