

Rules for Mr. Sell's Classroom:

Be Respectful - Showing yourself, the teacher and fellow students respect through both words and actions.

Be Prepared - Bring all materials to class every day including a writing utensil, journal, planner, course texts and any assignments.

Be Involved - Participate in all classroom activities and make an effort on every task.

Be Positive - Avoid using negative and harmful words and attitudes during lessons.

Be Responsible - Avoid engaging in dangerous or distracting behavior during class.

If you choose to follow these rules, you will set yourself up for success!

Consequences & Rewards:

1st Infraction- Verbal Warning

2nd Infraction- Student will be asked to sit at the "Sell-Fee" desk. You then will be asked to fill out a Sell-Fee behavior reflection form where you will think about your behavior and how we can correct it going forward.

If you choose not to fill out the Sell-Fee or do not take it seriously, you will receive a lunchtime detention and I will call home. If you continue to engage in disruptive behavior after completing a Sell-Fee, you will be removed from the classroom and a detention will be issued.

If a class has a lesson in which no one receives a Sell-Fee or an office referral, they will receive a tally mark on the board. After class has received 15 tallies, the class will earn Friday Fun, in which the last 10-15 minutes of class on Friday will be dedicated to a game or activity voted on by the students.

Any serious infraction (Vulgar language, violence, mishandling of school property) will be an automatic referral and removal from class.

Submitting Assignments

All handwritten assignments must follow these criteria:

-Neat and readable. This means you must write in your best handwriting and stay within the margins and lines on the paper.

-Written on only one side of the page

-Written in pencil or blue/black ink. Any other color ink, colored pencil, markers, crayons and/or highlighters are not allowed. I will have you rewrite an assignment in the correct color to receive points for that assignment.

-A proper heading at the top of the front page including name/date/class period and assignment name.

-All assignments must be submitted either electronically or in the corresponding turn-in tray for their period in the classroom. **Do not hand an assignment directly to me!**

All typed assignments must follow the standard MLA format:

-Size 12 font

-Times New Roman or Arial font style

-Double-Spaced

-1-inch margins

-A heading with your name, date, class and assignment name in the top left-hand corner

If papers are submitted to me without every one of these components, I will not grade it until it is!

Student Handbook/Leaving The Room: The hall pass included in the planner will be used in order to leave the classroom and a student must use his or her own planner—no borrowing. Students are also expected to utilize their handbooks in class to remain organized. If you lose your planner, replacements are available in the middle school office for a small fee.

Cell Phone Policy: Personal electronic devices such as phones and iPods are not allowed during class discussions or lectures. If students want to listen to music during individual worktime, that is fine, as long as it doesn't become a distraction (volume too loud, constantly looking for the next song, checking updates, etc.). If students have their cell phones out at inappropriate times, I will ask them once to put their phone away. If I catch them a second time, I will ask them to place their phone on my desk on "Mr. Sell's Cell Phone Jail Cell." At the end of class, they may retrieve their device.

If you need special accommodations such as an e-reader or kindle, please talk with me during the first week of class and we will discuss expectations regarding these devices.

Eating in Class: There is no food allowed inside the building at Rainier Middle School. Any student caught eating in my class will be asked to put all food away and will receive a Sell-Fee. Not only can food cause distractions, it can also lead to damage to books and electronics in the classroom. Only water in a sealed container will be allowed for drinks.