**Principles of Sustainability Classroom Rules and Expectations**

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**Course Objective:**

Principles of Sustainability is a senior elective which we explore what it means to live in a sustainable world. “Sustainability means that we meet our own needs without limiting the ability of future generations to meet their needs.” (“It’s All Connected: 2005 ed). From there, we will look into not only environmental issues and solutions, we will also be looking at society and economical standpoints as well.

**Materials:**

* Pen/pencil
* 1 subject notebook for homework and classwork
* folder
* Some crafts supplies (don’t need to bring to class)
* Internet Access with a working printer

**Grading:**

Each marking period is worth 20% of your final grade. You will also have a final exam at the end of the year, which will count 20%. According to board policy:

A+ = 98-100 B- = 80-81 F = <65

A = 92-97 C+ = 76-79 I = Incomplete

A- = 90-91 C = 72-75 M = medical

B+ = 86-89 C- = 70-71

B = 82-85 D = 65-69

\*If you score a 90 average and above all four marking periods, you will be exempt from my final.

Each marking period grade will be calculated in a fraction (points earned divided by total points). Here is how the points will be broken down per assignment.

Projects: 200 points each

Labs: 150 points

Quizzes: 50 points

Classwork/homework: 20-60 points (the point value will be listed on the worksheet and Genesis)

Participation: 10 points daily

* As you can see, this class is more project heavy than anything else. In order for you to get the best out of this class, there will be a lot of researching and project-based learning going on.
* All quizzes will be announced at least three days in advanced, if you are absent that day, next class period you will be taking the quiz.
* Participation not only means being actively involved in your learning, it includes being prepared, respectful and arriving to class on time.

**Class Rules:**

The following are the rules and procedures that I expect you to follow at all times. Failure to do so will result in deductions on class participation. If these violations continue, disciplinary actions will be taken in accordance with the School Code of Conduct.

1. Disrespect of any shape or form will NOT be tolerated. This includes, but not limited to: bullying, cursing, defacing property, calling out, and horseplay.
2. I cannot stress respect for this class; you may be sharing your views and opinions in class discussions. Even if you disagree, be respectful that others will have different viewpoints.
3. All school rules will apply in my class.
4. Arrive to class on time. If you are late, have a pass with you.
5. Upon arrival, find your seat, have out your materials, write the Do Now on the board, and be ready to learn. Phones, iPods or other forms of technology need to be put away, unless given permission by me.
6. You are to remain seated until the bell rings. No one is to be standing at the door!!
7. You are allowed to have bottled water with you in class. No food, unless given permission by me.
8. You are granted two non-nurse passes per week. (Bathroom, office, etc.) I will not write passes to shop nor another class without the teacher’s approval. I will also not write a pass to the locker either. If you abuse my passes, it will result in write-up and revoked pass privileges.
9. THE LAB SAFETY CONTRACT TRUMPS ANY CLASS RULES WHEN WE ARE DOING LAB. You will abide by the lab safety contract, which will be handed to you within the first two weeks of class. Failure to follow the contract will result in write-ups and possible removal from future labs.

**Attendance and Absent Procedures:**

All rules regarding attendance, tardy and cuts will be followed as per School Code of Conduct.

1. If you are absent from class, get the work from either webpages, or the folder in front of the classroom before seeing me (On Genesis, it will be marked as a “0” for the class participation and any missing assignments. DO NOT BE ALARMED. It is so you know to make up work)
2. Only homework/classwork assignments you will be able to make up within two weeks of coming back. Class notes will be on the webpage, and you will be responsible for the notes for future exams.
3. If you are absent the day of a quiz, you will be taking it the day you return. If you are absent the day of the review and return the day of the quiz, you will be expected to take the quiz with the class. Extenuating circumstances will be discussed out of class \*\*If you cut on the day of the quiz, you will receive a zero. No make-ups.
4. If you are absent during a lab, please see the section Lab Days.
5. Because you are allowed to submit work through google classroom, projects are due the day of regardless of absence since they are assigned well in advanced.

**Lab Days**

Labs are not a frequent occurrence in this class, unless we discuss environmental issues. In addition, we do not have a lab period in this class, so you will be given two-three day notice of when our class will be conducting a lab. Please try your best not to be absent that day, for it is difficult to find time during school to make these up.

1. The day of the lab, you will have a lab write-up to complete in class, and will be due the next class day, if not completed. This is worth 150 points, so take these write-ups seriously.
2. If you are absent the day of the lab, you either have to make up the lab at home (half of the time you can) OR complete the alternative assignment that is found on school webpage. The alternative assignment or lab sheet is due one week after the day of the lab was assigned. (will be a zero in Genesis at the mean time)
3. Violation of lab safety contract, especially during lab, will automatically result in -50 points in your lab grade, and a write-up.

**Extra Help:**

I want you to try your best and succeed in my class every way possible. If you are struggling with the material being taught or need to catch up on being absent, you can visit me before Homeroom (730-845). (Check the door if I am not in my classroom, I will tell you where I am).

If homeroom is a bad time for you, please e-mail me at kuftal@mcvts.net. I try my best to e-mail back daily to schedule a time where we can meet for help.

**Please have this portion of the syllabus signed by both you and your parent/guardian by** *Thursday, September 16th* **for three homework grades. Failure to do so will result in ten point deductions per day late. \*\*\*If you are signing for yourself because you are 18 years of age, please specify it if you are signing for yourself\*\*\***

\*\*I have read and understand the Chemistry Classroom Rules and Procedures.

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