

Classroom User Guide - C. MacDonald

Start of Class: Students will be greeted at the classroom door. Verbal and visual (3,2,1) cueing system will be used in a calm voice to ensure that the class settles in a timely manner. Dialogue involving 21st Century competencies will be used as a part of the cueing system. Attendance will be taken after the students settle.

During Class: Objectives for the class will be placed on the whiteboard (or communicated in the gymnasium for PR classes). Students will be redirected using the verbal and visual cueing system based on the sequence of lesson of the day.

Only water will be permitted in the classroom, with the exception of extenuating circumstances, which will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Cell phones are not permitted in class, unless instructed by the teacher. Students are expected to ask prior to leaving the room and are expected to leave the room only for the intended purpose of their request (ie. Washroom break is non-social). Typically, one student will leave the room at a time, barring extenuating circumstances.

Seating Plan and Groups: Seating plans and selected student groupings may be used to help ensure student success. I believe in communicating with students to support their personal choices, prior to implementing seating strategies. That being said, I will use my professional judgement regarding seating and group arrangements in the best interest of student well-being and achievement.

End of Class: Prior to the bell, agenda items (if applicable) will be communicated. Otherwise, students are expected to work on-task until the bell. End of day items, such as the stacking of chairs will occur at the end of class. Specific instructions involving materials for the next class (ie. Please bring your coloured pencils) will be communicated at the end of class, as necessary.

Extra Help: Extra help is available by request. I expect that students ask for extra help prior to assignment due dates and tests.

Discipline: Discipline protocol aligns with the expectations as outlined in the revised division 3 document. (Punctual, Prepared, Choices, etc.)

