

Disclosure Statement

Special Education Classroom of Brande McGill Rm # 114

Philosophy & Introduction

The philosophy of the program is that every person deserves to be as independent as they possibly can and to be successful doing it. To accomplish this, I will incorporate clear directions, expectations, rules & support daily. Each class works on assignment completion & understanding, organization, study skills (test taking strategies, note taking skills, & more).

Classroom Expectations

Citizenship is very important at Dixie Middle School as well as in my class. Students are expected to follow the classroom rules:

1. Arrive on time, come prepared with assignments & materials from class, and be ready to work.
2. Refrain from disrupting the learning environment of others. If a student refuses to take advantage of the time and help provided, other arrangements will be made.
3. Raise your hand if you need help.
4. Be respectful! Please keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
5. If a student is current in their classes, they will work on direct intervention: Math Review, or they may choose to read a book of their choice.
6. Cell phones are not allowed in class at any time. They will be taken and given to the office if seen. Smartwatches are allowed HOWEVER, if they are a distraction they will not be allowed.

Attendance and Participation

Regular attendance and participation are necessary to ensure student progress and academic success. If a student is absent and it is an excused absence, the daily points will be exempt. If their absence is not excused the maximum points will be half.

Rewards and Consequences

Verbal praise is the main reward during class, along with earning good grades. I do not give treats as rewards. Consequences for inappropriate behavior will vary with each student and in accordance with their IEP goals. However, all students are expected to follow Dixie Middle School rules and school-wide consequences will be enforced when appropriate.

Grading

Students receive 20 points each class period.

- 4 points for coming to class on time & following class routine
- 4 points for working and staying on task the entire class period
- 8 points for completing CORE classes' assignments
- 4 points for appropriate behavior & language, being helpful & respectful

Assignments

No additional CORE assignments are given during Study Skills/Learning Strategies class.

To better help our students succeed in their education, parent involvement is essential. Please encourage your student to ask for help when needed, do their best work, & turn in assignments on time.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns with your student.

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