

## **Team Adventurer Guidelines**

Your teachers have agreed upon certain practices which will be uniform in each class. You are responsible for following these procedures. Please study this guide, ask questions about unclear points, and share the information with your parents or guardians.

We are delighted to have you on team. Have a wonderful year!

### **Homework and Classwork**

You should count on having homework most nights. If you are unsure of what the assignment is in a particular class, check the location designated by the classroom teacher. Be sure to bring your assignment notebook to class each period and use it to keep track of when things are due.

Each teacher will identify five areas in his/her classroom. You will be told:

1. where homework is posted
2. where homework papers should go
3. where the lost and found is
4. where the recycle box is
5. where nameless papers will go

Once you have been told these locations, you will be able to determine assignments and turn in papers without asking your teacher. Knowing this information will enable you to deal with assignments if you have been absent. If for some reason you miss a class but are in school, you will still be expected to turn in work due during the class period you missed and to copy down the assignment. This is important to remember if you have a doctor or dental appointment, if you are on a sports team that must leave school early for a game or meet, if you are with a counselor, or if you leave school early for a band or strings performance.

Your homework should be completed and ready to turn in when you enter class. Your paper will be collected, or you will be told to place it in the “safe spot” designated by your teacher. Your teachers will usually go over the homework in class on the day it is due. If you still do not understand an assignment, it is your responsibility to let the teacher know. We print only enough handouts for one per student. Therefore, it is important that you have a place in your binder or folder specifically for homework so that you do not lose your paper.

Please do not try to give homework to teachers in the hall or to place papers on the teachers’ desks or work areas. The “safe spot” in each classroom is the only appropriate place to turn in papers.

It is important to listen, follow directions, and participate in class in order to receive credit for your work. Do not do homework for another class, write personal notes, doodle, etc. during class. When a test or quiz is given, pay special attention to the directions. Be sure to keep your eyes on your own paper, cover your paper so others can’t copy, and refrain from talking.

As sixth graders, you are expected to complete and turn in your work when it is due. There is one exception. If a student is absent, he/she will be given extra time to finish work. For each day of consecutive absence, students will be allowed two consecutive school days to

complete work; however, the day a student returns from an absence, he/she may be required to take previously announced tests or turn in assignments that were due during the time he/she was absent.

Papers that are late for reasons other than absence may only receive partial credit. The district guidelines for teachers suggest a 10%-20% penalty for major work that is one day late, a 30%-50% penalty for work that is two days late, and a 50% penalty for work that is three days late. A teacher may refuse to accept work after the three days in which case the student will receive a zero on the assignment.

Neatness counts! Papers which are difficult to read will be returned for a redo. Please use only blue or black when writing in ink, and use #2 pencils. Nameless papers will not be graded. If you notice that you have not received credit for an assignment that you think you turned in, be sure to check any nameless papers that your teacher has posted or saved.

Each student is responsible for bringing pencil, pens, papers, an assignment notebook, and the required text to class. Providing these is not the responsibility of the teacher.

## Grading

Scores on major assignments such as tests, projects, speeches, and research papers will make up 50% to 75% of your grade for the quarter. You will have at least three major grades each nine week period. Daily scores for things like homework, classwork, quizzes, and participation will make up between 30% and 50% of your grade for the quarter. You will have at least nine daily scores each nine-week period.

Students who receive a D or F on a major assignment will have an opportunity for reassessment within a two-week period unless the unsatisfactory grade was due to late penalty points or because the student refused to take the assessment.

A grade is something you earn. It is not something we give you. Our ranges for quarter grading are:

A+ = 100-97%	A = 96-93%	A- = 92-90%
B+ = 89-87%	B = 86-83%	B- = 82-80%
C+ = 79-77%	C = 76-73%	C- = 72-70%
D+ = 69-67%	D = 66-63%	D- = 62-60%
F = 59-0%		

## Passes

Students will need to have a pass to be out of the classroom for any reason except during designated passing periods. At the start of each quarter, students will be issued **4** bathroom passes that they may use at their discretion. Please note, students will not be given more than **4** passes per quarter, so it is up to them to carefully ration these passes as needed.

## Lockers

You should only have your own possessions in your locker. **Do not share your locker or locker combination with other students.** When you close your locker, be sure to spin your

combination lock at least twice and check to be sure that the door is securely locked before you leave. Please do not stick decals or stickers inside your lockers. Magnetic items such as mirrors and pencil holders are fine as are schedules or lists that a staff member tells you to hang in your locker.

### **Food and Beverages**

You are permitted to bring plastic water bottles to class as long as they have lids and are used appropriately. You may not bring beverages other than water to the classroom. During the warm weather, we encourage you to carry water with you so you will be more comfortable when the temperatures are elevated.

You are not to bring food to the classroom unless you have received permission from the teacher to bring it as part of a class assignment or activity.

### **Team Rules**

- Be in your seat when the bell rings.
- Sharpen your pencil before the bell rings.
- The bell is the signal to stop talking.
- Remain in your seat and take out your homework as attendance is taken.
- No food or gum is permitted in the class unless it is approved by the teacher.
- Don't forget that your teacher dismisses you, not the bell.

### **Welcome to Edison!**

Please remember, we are here to help you. If you have a question or a problem, please let us know. Because we work with so many students, we do not always notice when someone is having a difficult time so we are counting on you to speak up. We do care about you and want you to have a successful year on Team Adventurers.

Mr. Cain

Mr. Drake

Ms. Reiling

Ms. Howland

Ms. Thurman

Ms. Gaines

Mrs. Hable

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I have read and understand the team guidelines, and I have shared them with my parents or guardians.

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Student's Signature

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Parent/Guardian's Signature