

**Mr. White's Academic and Behavior Contract 2023-2024**  
(Disclosure Statement)

I am so looking forward to a great year with your child! Please review this document carefully and contact me with any questions or concerns. Welcome to the 5th grade team!



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**ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE POLICY**

Students are expected to arrive on time and be at school each day. We move fast in 5th grade, and if a student is missing for even one day, multiple assignments will be missed. Plan on getting assignments in advance whenever possible.

**LATE WORK EXPECTATIONS**

Learning to use time wisely and meet deadlines is a crucial skill for success in school and for success in life. Students will be expected to complete assignments on time. In-class assignments that are not completed within the given time frame will be sent home as homework and will be due at the end of that week. Work turned in on-time will qualify for 100% of the grade earned.

**HOMEWORK**

Jordan District has gone away from homework, but that does not mean students have finished all their work. I will not be assigning homework, but students need to keep on top of all work that they have not completed and that becomes "homework" if they cannot finish it during school hours.

This year, we will have four book reports based on assigned books from the Battle of the Books list. These reports will help students engage deeply with the literature and prepare for our school's Battle of the Books competition. Stay tuned for more details on the specific books and due dates!

Students are expected to read **20 minutes** every school night. Reading will be turned in either through a message or physical paper to show minutes read for the month **with a parent signature**. When turning in monthly reading mins they should be an estimate, but count everything a student does such as reading with a sibling, family reading, listening to an audiobook, etc...

## CELL PHONE USE

Cell phones are not allowed to be used on school property. That means no cell phones at recess or in class. If you bring a phone to school it must remain in your backpack. Inappropriate use of a cell phone will result in confiscation of the cell phone, which can be retrieved at the end of the day on the first offense. If it happens again, a parent will need to come in to retrieve it. If it happens again I will refer it to Mrs. Gleave. Parents, if you must contact your student during school hours, please call the school, ***do not contact them on their cell phones***. This policy applies to all electronic devices (smart watches).

## CHROMEBOOK AND TECHNOLOGY USE

We will be using Chromebooks each day. Parents and students will have their own logins and the ability to access work from any computer with internet access. All logins for technology sites we will use will be posted on Google Classroom. Only those sites are appropriate to access in class. Chromebooks may be taken home if parents have signed the district Chromebook use form. Please see the technology use policy.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERING FOR FIELD TRIPS

If you're interested in volunteering for our field trips, please note that all parent volunteers must undergo a background check with the district and complete the necessary paperwork with the office. This process can be quite lengthy, so we highly recommend starting it as soon as possible. Once completed, the background check is valid until your student graduates high school. Please be aware that I prioritize selecting volunteers from the list of parents who have already been cleared before holding out for those parents that may complete the process.

## Recommended Supplies

Notice: the items on this list will be used during the regular school day. They may be brought from home on a voluntary basis; otherwise, they will be furnished by the school.

- Ear buds (we will use these *every day* in class)
- Dry Erase Markers for Math (4 pack)
- Box of Tissues
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Water Bottle

Supplies that our classroom always needs and if you have extras and could donate. All donations are sincerely appreciated!

- Disinfecting Wipes
- Boxes of tissues
- Dry Erase Markers

### **6th Grade Technology Acceptable Use Policy**

We are fortunate at our school to have computers for each student to use as an educational tool. Technology can be a wonderful tool for learning when used appropriately. Learning valuable skills such as researching, word processing, etc. is a priority in this day and age. Unfortunately, many students are falling into “technology traps” and the use of computers, and other tools becomes more of a distraction. Like any other tool, technology has guidelines for use that ensure safety for the user and longevity for the tool. As a staff, we have set the following guidelines for the proper use of technology. Students who choose not to follow the school’s technology guidelines will lose technology privileges.

#### **Proper Use Guidelines:**

- YouTube is only to be accessed with teacher permission.
- Social media is a forum that should be used on your own time, not at school.
- Students can only login to email with their school email address. All other personal email accounts should be accessed at home.
- Students can only access music accounts that have been set up by the teacher. Personal music accounts (Amazon Prime, Apple Music, Spotify, Pandora, etc.) should be accessed at home.
- Access approved sites through Google Classroom. **Other sites are not appropriate.**
- Stay on task with what the class is doing; don’t wander into areas where we are not working (for example, looking at the computer’s coding, “playing” with Google Translate etc.). The computer should not be used to simply waste time.
- Physical Use--carry computer with two hands from the bottom; foods and liquids need to be kept away from the PCs; please don’t put the laptop on the floor, peel off stickers, or slam the lid of the laptop. Putting heavy objects on top of the computer or picking off the keyboard keys ruins the computer and makes it so future students cannot use it.

#### **Consequences for misuse:**

1. Verbal warning.
2. Parent contact and loss of technology for the remainder of the day.
3. Parent contact and student will be assigned a Digital Citizenship course to complete prior to being allowed to use Chromebooks in class.

**Exception:** In the case of serious infractions such as viewing inappropriate content or participating in cyberbullying, students will forfeit the established consequence procedure and will be referred to the school administration.

If students lose any technology privileges they will be expected to complete all the same class assignments and activities on paper or at home under parent supervision if it cannot be done without technology. If your child breaks or damages a computer while not following the above expectations, the child and parent will be financially responsible to pay for repair or replacement of the computer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLASS POLICIES

(Please sign and return this form by Thursday August 19th)

I have read and agree to follow all of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade policies in Mr. White's class. I will be a good citizen of our class and do my best to contribute in every way possible to our entire class' success!

"It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

J.K. Rowling, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date