

University City High School

Speech and Debate

Course Information

Teacher: Mr. Andrew Gallagher

Class Location: Room 336

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Classroom Expectations

Classroom expectations are posted on the wall in the classroom, and have been discussed in class.

1. **Be respectful, words and body.**
2. **Be responsible for your learning, arrive on-time and prepared.**
3. **Hold each other to high expectations, including me.**
4. **All cell phones must be placed into the phone locker for the duration of our class.**

I believe every possible disruption to learning is covered in the expectations above. If you are respectful, responsible, and give your best every day, we should have a successful class. My classroom, like the rest of the school, has adopted a **NO Cell-Phone Policy**. The only electronic device should be a Chromebook.

Homework

When homework is given, it should be turned in at the beginning of class on the day it is due. Homework provides a wonderful opportunity for you to improve your overall grade. Homework turned-in late could reflect poorly on your homework grade. Homework will be assigned online-student books will not leave the classroom.

Make-up Work

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up the assignments or tests you missed when you return. Assignments from the week will be edited daily. You will also have the monthly seminar rotation to receive help from me for these missing assignments.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If I find that you have copied words, phrases, or ideas from a source without citing that source, the grade for your assignment will be a zero. If your plagiarism was accidental, I will allow you to add your citations. Simply come and speak with me after class. For our essays, they will be uploaded to Turnitin for grading which will show plagiarism.

Citing Sources

If you are unsure of the rules for citations in MLA format, scan the QR code below to reach the Purdue University Online Writing Lab website, a great online source.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>



Materials

Classroom materials will stay in the room in order to keep them for the entire year. Supplies need to be brought to class on August 19th, you will be assigned points for bringing these in on time. If you are unable to bring these materials in, you need to meet with me. I will have an example of these supplies and how they should be organized.

- 3-inch Binder
- Loose-Leaf Paper
- Binder Dividers

Help

I am always available immediately following school to answer any homework or classwork questions. If you need help, please do not hesitate to ask. I am also available by e-mail at any time, though I will not answer e-mails sent after 7:00 pm until the next weekday.

Please turn this section of the document in to **Mr. Gallagher** by Tuesday, August 31, 2020.

Statement of Understanding:

Please check and sign below

____ *I have read the information and I fully understand what I'm expected to do in class.*

Student Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Contact Preference

Phone Call / Email

Contact Information

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____