Classroom Management Plan

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# My Philosophy

My classroom management philosophy is based on Wong and Marzano. My philosophy is centered around having rules and procedures set in place while creating a safe, friendly/respectful, and caring environment. I want to have rules and procedures in place, so students understand what is expected of them. Students will be able to create rules for the class and have the opportunity to practice the rules and procedures set in place. While having set rules and procedures in place, I want my students to feel safe and comfortable in my classroom. I plan to achieve this environment by having items such as plants, posters, books, comfy chairs, and other decorations to allow students to have a space that they can call their own. I hope that with these two aspects of my philosophy, my students will feel independent, safe, and comfortable.

### **Plans for First Days**

# \*I choose to do 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the purpose of this assignment\*

Day 1 – Layout assigned seating for students. Each desk will have a name tag for students. Greet students at the door and ask them to draw their attention to the board upfront. The board will have a bell work assignment for the students to complete. The bell ringer will ask students to answer questions about themselves. This paper will be on their desk when they come in. I will then pull up a PowerPoint about myself to introduce myself to the students. Do a couple of activities to get to know my students. Introduce students to the room and show areas of the room that they can utilize when they have work time. Go over procedures that students need to know for the first day. These procedures include:

- What to do when you enter the room
- Bathroom
- How to complete bell ringers
- How we end class
- How to behave in class

Day 2 – Greet students at the door. Have the bell ringer assignment on the front of the board for students to respond too. Go over the previous procedures from the day before. Students will then create classroom rules. This will help create a sense of independence and responsibility for students. Go over emergency procedures. Students will also have the opportunity to request items to help make the classroom space more their own. (They can request furniture items or any other items that they feel would fit. I will do my best to find these items and include them in the classroom. Each class I have can choose 1-2 items that they would like to potentially see.)

Day 3 – Greet students at the door. Have a new bell ringer for students to complete on the front board. Go over the procedures from the previous day along with the rules we created. Students will have the opportunity to review and revamp these rules if necessary. New procedures will be introduced. These will include:

- How to submit assignments online/in person
- How to behave when working in groups/individual work
- What to do when you have questions
- How to use computers in the class
- Consequences for inappropriate behaviors

Day 4 – Greet students at the door. Have bell ringer ready to go for students to respond too. Go over classroom rules and procedures again to make any last adjustments. Have the student's model/explain how to do these procedures.

Day 5 – Greet students at the door. Have a bell ringer ready to go. Have a written contract ready for students to sign. Go over rules and procedures before students sign. I will update students on items I have found to place in the classroom.

### **Connections to Students and Families**

To connect with my students, I will make sure that I greet them at the door every day. Even if the greeting is brief it will still be an important step to get to know my students and help them feel welcome. (Wong, 2012, pg.112) I will also make sure to ask them questions to get to know them and connect with them by leaving comments on their bell ringers and the questions I have them answer the first day of school. I also hope to connect with students' families. To do this I will send a letter home to the parents. This letter will include a little bit about who I am, what is expected of their students, and what the class will consist of. The letter will also include

contact information such as my email and the school phone number in case they ever have questions. I will also include a line for parents to sign on. Along with this letter home, I will also include a short survey for parents to take. The survey will have 7 questions for parents to answer. The questions will ask about their student, their schedule (volunteering opportunities), contact information, and any concerns or comments they wish to share with me. I will also take the opportunity to connect with families by sending out any important information they would need to know by email and or by paper depending on how parents want to receive information.

### What ifs.

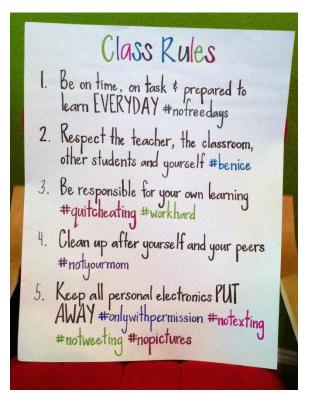
For my what-ifs, I want to address how I will handle a student who does not respond well to the rules and procedures I have in place. First, I will recognize that a student is having an issue. After discovering this issue, I will make sure to talk to them privately and ask them what they are experiencing. I will also remind them that the rules and procedures are put in place by the students and that they did sign a contract. I will make sure to address the concern the student is having and try to make sure they do not feel this way again.

# **Appendix**

Here are some photos of how I will implement rules and procedures in the classroom. I want my students to feel that they are independent and responsible. Giving students the opportunity to create rules and procedures will allow them to feel independent and responsible. Marzano notes that "well-articulated rules and procedures that are negotiated with students are a critical aspect of classroom management, affecting not only the behavior of students but also their academic achievement" (Marzano, 2003, pg.17). Doing this will also allow students to work together and be respectful and friendly with each other. As a class, we will create rules that will make up our classroom contract. Marzano writes more about rules and procedures saying

that "the second step you should take relative to classroom rules and procedures is to involve students in their design." (Marzano, 2003, pg.25). Students will be able to help me set up the rules and procedures of the classroom. I plan to spend a good amount of time on this subject with my students, so they understand what is expected of them. Having this understanding from students will help them feel comfortable in the class because they will know what they should be doing.

This set of rules will be put up in the classroom and students will sign a hard copy for me to keep. Having them sign this contract will hold them accountable for their actions. As for procedures students will be able to propose ideas to change these procedures to make them work better for the classroom. Again, this will help them to feel independent and welcome in the classroom since they will feel that they are being heard.



# Class Procedures 1. Work Time: Work from the first bell until the teacher says to stop 2. Warm up: Start your journal entry or keyboarding practice, as shown on the board. 3. Attention: When your attention is requested, stop talking and turn to the teacher. 4. Turn in work: Pick up your work at the printer and put it in the tray at the back of the room. 5. Talking: You may talk in a low volume only to the person next to you.

# Class Procedures

- Questions: You are encouraged to ask the people on your left and right for help. If they cannot help, please raise your hand.
- Bathroom Pass: Fill out your Student Planner page completely and have the teacher sign.
- <u>Dismissal</u>: Please stay seated in a chair or a desk to wait for the bell. The teacher will dismiss the class when the bell rings and everyone is seated.

The <u>first picture is an example of what my rules would look like</u>. I will use a big post-it note sheet to write the final set of rules. The <u>second image is an example of what the procedures</u> <u>will look like</u>. After reviewing different procedures, I will add to a document like this for students to refer to. After finalizing these rules and procedures <u>I will create a classroom</u> <u>contract similar to the picture below</u> with all of our rules and procedures on it for students to

sign. I will hang the set of rules up in the class as well as the list of procedures so students can

ı	agree to the following:
	reat everyone and everything in the class with respect.
	se polite, school appropriate language.
	rrive on time and follow classroom procedures.
	aise my hand, when I need something. bide by school rules.
	isten to my instructor.
	neet my goal for this class.
My goal for	this class is:
Signature	eDate
	r Signature

refer back and be reminded of them.

**Bell Ringer assignment**: This is what students will need to look at every day when they come to class. After learning what this slide means they should be able to complete it without any problem. Once they have finished with the bell ringer, I will go over the rest of the information so it will eliminate questions such as "what are we doing?" or "what do we need to do for tomorrow?"

Today Is Date	This is where I put the bell ringer task for the day.	Friendly reminders or shout- outs go here.
Agenda • What we're doing today		Last Class: What we did yesterday Next Class: What we're doing tomorrow
School logo or mascot goes here	SWBAT (Students Will Be Able T This is where I put the learning goal for	2020

# First day/week activities:

Here are the activities we will be doing in class to get to know each other on the first day. First, I will present a PowerPoint introducing myself. Then we will do two activities so I can get to know my students.



Introduction PowerPoint – I will try to make my presentation

creative.

	Interest Surve	Y ARR
Name		
Answer the following ques	stions with as much detail as po about you.	ossible to help your teacher learn
1.) What do you like to do	in your free time when you or	re not at school?
2.) If you could interview would it be and why?	one person from the past and	one person from now, who
3.) What subject (math, r	reading, social studies, science, \	writing) do you find hard? Why
4.) What subject (math, r	reading, social studies, science, v	writing) do you find easy? Why
5.) What helps you learn?	? (hands—on activities, reading,	, taking notes, reading aloud, etc.)
6.) Circle the ways you fe	eel you work best:	
in a quiet room	working alone	at my desk
in a noisy room	working with a partner	at a table
with some noise	working in a group	on the floor
7.) If you could learn abo	out anything you wanted, what v	would you learn about?



These are two examples I would potentially use as a first day bell ringer for students to complete.

This questionnaire will help me to get to know my students.



This is an activity I will use to help students get

to know each other. Each table will have a Jenga game with different questions on each block. I will walk around and listen to the various answers that each student gives.

# Noisemaker:

Here is an example of a noisemaker I would use to gain the attention of my students.



# Gaining student attention:

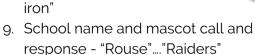
I would also use the lights as a way to get the attention of my students along with verbal and non-verbal cues. I would use a countdown method to gain attention.

Below are other methods I would use to gain attention.

# Classroom Management Secondary Style

# 10 Simple Attention Grabbers

- 1. Play a 3-5 second portion of a song
- 2. Ring a bell
- 3. Clap your hands
- 4. Ring a wireless doorbeld
- 5. Make a weird sound
- 6. Shake a can filled with rocks
- 7. Lights off and on
- 8. Content specific call and respons "Pi is"..."3.14" or "FE is what"..."FE is iron"



10. Noise maker



Kelly Fitzgerald

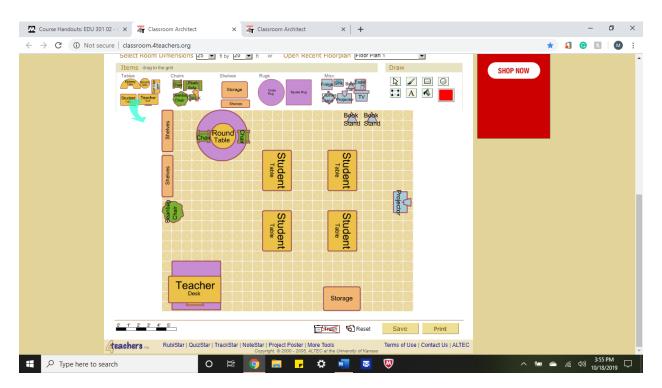
# **Connection to families:**

Below I will include the letter I send home to parents along with a survey I want them to fill out. I decided to use a short survey for parents to help me get to know their students a little bit more as well as get contact information. I hope that by doing both of these things, it will show the parent that I want to do what is best for their child. I also hope it will show the parent that I am someone they can come to if they ever need help.

Parent Survey	±*;-
Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. It will help me to get to know you and your student better!	
<ol> <li>Can you provide me with your contact information? Email or phone works well.</li> </ol>	LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL
·	Welcome!
What are some strengths your student has?	Dear Parents and Guardians,  My name is Ms. Trujillo-Hanson and I would like to take this time to introduce myself as your student's government teacher at Legacy High School. This will be my first-year
What are some weaknesses your student has?	teaching in Bismarck public schools. I graduated from the University of Mary with a bachelor's degree in social studies education and a minor in special education. I am very
5. What are some weaknesses your student has?	excited about the opportunity to work with your child this school year as a member of the Saber community.
	I have very high expectations for all students in my classroom. Students will be held accountable for their own behavior. Each student will be expected to follow the Saber code.
How does your child get to school every day?	Honor the Code:
	S-Sacrifice - Sacrifice for others and yourself  A-Attitude - No matter the circumstances
	B-Belief - Believe in all possibilities
5. What are some days and times that you would be available?	E-Effort - Put forth 100% effort in all that you do
(Volunteering purposes)	R-Respect - Respect yourself, others, and the world we live in. Make it a great day to be a Saber!!
	Students are expected to come to class each day prepared to learn with all required materials including a pencil, folder, notebook, and laptop. It is very important to inspire a
·	sense of responsibility for each student for their education. It is my goal to prepare my
6. Are there any concerns you wish to bring to my attention?	students to be lifelong learners equipped to handle the challenges they face after leaving high school.
	Students will be discussing topics including the amendments, government structure, voting,
	and current issues. I am eager to share my passion for this topic with your students this school year. Please be sure to read and sign the classroom quidelines with your child. Thank
	you and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns this year. I look forward to
7. Any other further comments	meeting you at parent-teacher conferences on October 16 <sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm.
	Contact Info:
	Email: mitrujīllohanson1@umary.edu School Phone Number: 701-323-4850
	Sincerely, Ms. Trujillo-Hanson Signature Line:

# **Classroom set-up:**

Here are some photos of how I would like my classroom to be set up. This is just a rough idea of what I would want my classroom to look like. I am not sure where I will be teaching so I have no room size or guidelines from the school to guide me. I want to have an area for students to work and feel like they have an area of their own. Below I will put more examples of what this area will look like.









These are all examples of how I could set up an

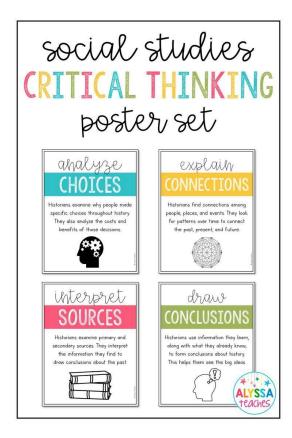
area for students to work. This area will be their own and they can make it how they see fit. If they are working as a small group, they can rearrange it or students can utilize this space to work independently. Just like I have my own space with my desk I want my students to have their own space.



Another item I would like to have in the classroom are lamps. I like the idea of having lamps in the classroom to make it feel homier. I can use these lamps to create different moods in the classroom.

Here are some examples of items I would hang in the classroom.









# **Consequences:**

Here are some photos of the consequences in the classroom. I will expect my students to take responsibility for their actions. I want them to be independent, but they will still face consequences if they are not acting appropriately or following the rules/procedures we have in place. I will be sure to remind students that they created these rules, so they need to be responsible.

# (lassroom Bill of Rights and Responsibilities You have the right to: You are responsible for:

- Feel safe.
- Be yourself.
- Be treated fairly.
- Express your ideas.

- · Respecting others.
- Your own actions.
- · Listening to others.
- · Keeping the classroom neat.

# Positive Consequences

An Excellent Education, School Spirit Points, Class Awards, "Warm Fuzzies"

# **Negative Consequences**

1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense - Conference during Class

3rd Offense - Conference during Recess

4th Offense - Conference with Parent

5th Offense - Referral to the Office

\*The discipline policy in the student agenda will be followed strictly.

This is another poster idea I would consider using to show students what they are responsible for and the positive/negative consequences they would receive. I would modify all the content to match my class.

	THINK	SHEET	DATE:
During		I made the	e following choice:
My choice affec	ted my learnin	g by:	
My choice affec	ted		's learning by:
Two other choice			e:
1 2			
Families: Please re	eview this think :	sheet with your	child and sign below
	ve discussed th	neir choices. St	udents must return
Student Name: _			
Parent Signatur			
Teacher Signatu	rø.		

# PONUS RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL REFLECTION SHEET

	Date
Our Goal Is	Student Name
	TEAM:
Perseverance: Stick with it!	Behavior(s) your teacher saw:
	Disrespectful to teacher/student
Bespect:	Blurting out
Treat others the way you want to be treated	Uncooperative
<b>3</b>	Socializing
Intelligence:	Back talking
Learn something each day	Distracting others
	Not reading during SSR
Diversity:	Out of seat
Be accepting of others	
Excellence:	Other:
Give 100% everyday	Why do you think you are here? What behavio led to you writing this reflection sheet?
I probably did this because	
did not want to work	was confused about what to do
wanted attention	was tired/hungry/not feeling well
wanted revenge	(other reason)
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This would be used to help students reflect on their behavior. These forms will serve as documentation if I would ever need to use it.

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