

Freshman Seminar Class Expectations

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CLASS DESCRIPTION

Freshman Seminar is a course designed to promote a successful transition between middle school and high school. The course provides students with opportunities for academic enrichment, test taking skills, and note taking skills; it improves organizational skills, and communication skills. Teachers mentor and track student progress during the course of the semester. In addition, students have class time to work on assignments from other courses.

CLASS POLICIES & EXPECTATIONS

If you follow the expectations and share in the vision of this classroom along with the requirements outlined below we'll have a positive, productive experience this year.

1. **Be a Grizzly!** Students will follow the policies of Galena High School as explained in the Galena Planner. No food or drinks in the classroom – only water. Music players are allowed at Ms. Tonry's discretion, and phones may only be used with special permission. Just be sure you communicate with me in advance.

2. **Show respect at all times.** Thank you for bringing a positive mindset as well as a kind tone.

3. **Be on Time and Engaged.**

- Grizzlies come to class prepared to **work productively** the entire class period, and they bring binders/notebooks, any texts they are using, writing utensils, an independent reading book, and any assignments that are due for other classes.
- Grizzlies do not ask to go to lockers each and every day, nor do they sleep in class at any time.
- Grizzlies perform **all work on an individual basis** unless Ms. Tonry approves. Plagiarism and/or cheating on assignments and tests/quizzes are NOT acceptable at Galena High and students will earn a "0" for the day if caught. Additionally, the Grizz Den, appropriate teachers, and parents will be notified. *Your **honor** is at stake, so don't jeopardize it by making a rash decision just for a few points as it usually comes around to bite you in the end.
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4. **Student Passes**

- Students receive a limited number of bathroom passes. A current GHS ID card is needed to use these passes. **NO GHS ID = NO pass out of class.** Thank you for taking advantage of the 15-minute nutrition break.
- When you need to visit or conference with another teacher during Freshman Seminar (ex: make-up a quiz/test, or receive make-up work, etc.), **you will responsibly get a pass from that teacher ahead of time** and bring the pass to Freshman Seminar. Ms. Tonry WILL NOT write a pass to disrupt another teacher's class. Thank you for being proactive—plan ahead. ☺ Many teachers will place make-up quizzes and tests in my box, so kindly ask them if that is an option for you.

GRADES

- **Each class period is worth 10 points.** Students earn full points for coming prepared to class, for completing the daily lessons and bell ringers, and for staying on task. Students may work on acceptable assignments which include but are not limited to homework, reading appropriate materials, studying for a test or quiz, making up missed quizzes/tests, library time and other teacher-approved activities.
- **Grade Checks for ALL classes will be sent home twice per quarter for parents to review and sign.**
- **Grade breakdown:** Semester Final Exam - 20%; Daily Classwork – 60%; Grade Checks – 20%.

By signing these guidelines, I am affirming that I have read the contents and understand what is expected of me or my child.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Print Student Name

Date

Parents, please list your e-mail address and day phone # where you would like to be reached regarding the progress of your child.

Parent E-MAIL_____

Student E-MAIL_____

DAY PHONE_____

Thank you for partnering with me to make a great year! If there is anything you would like me to know or be aware of, please feel free to zip me an email or write a note on this sheet. Email is the most efficient means of communication.

Warmly,

Ms. Tonry

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