

# Mr. Schellenberg's Classroom Policy

## Courtesy

Courtesy is a code that governs the expectations of social behavior. Each community or culture defines courtesy and the expectations for members of that community or culture. As a learning community, it is our responsibility to define courtesy and to live up to that definition. As a school community, we must hold ourselves and one another accountable for interactions that foster respect and trust. Discourteous behaviors destroy the community and can result in hurt feelings, anger, and additional poor choices.

In general, courtesy means that we interact with one another in positive, respectful ways. Consider the following examples of courteous and discourteous behavior.

### **Courteous**

- > Saying *please* and *thank you*
- > Paying attention in class
- > Socializing with friends during passing periods and lunch
- > Asking questions and interacting with peers and teachers
- > Asking for, accepting, offering, or declining help graciously
- > Allowing teachers and peers to complete statements without interruption
- > Throwing away trash after lunch
- > Recycling all materials and placing all trash in appropriate bins
- > Cleaning your own workspace
- > Reporting safety concerns or other issues that require attention to a staff member

### **Discourteous**

- > Using vulgar, foul, abusive, or offensive language
- > Listening to an iPod during a formal learning situation such as during a lecture or while completing group work
- > Text messaging or talking on a cell phone during class time
- > Bullying, teasing, or harassing others
- > Corporal punishment
- > Hogging bandwidth and/or computer time
- > Not showing up for your scheduled appointments or completing tasks
- > Failing to communicate when you're not coming to school

It is expected that students treat each other, the Faculty and staff, administration, indeed any adult with respect, courtesy, and cooperation. Further Burnsvew teachers will treat one another, the students and their families and the administration in courteous ways.

Consequences for engaging in discourteous behavior may include reparations, restoring the environment, meetings with faculty or staff, meeting with administrators, the development of behavioral contract, removal of privileges, and /or suspension/expulsion from the school.

Student \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS SIGNATURE:

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Date \_\_\_\_\_