



Elsinore Middle School - GEMS Expectations
Guiding Exceptional Minds with STEAM



Behavior: The atmosphere in the classroom is to be one of safe, productive learning. Therefore, no student will be allowed to disrupt the classroom learning environment through inappropriate speech or actions. No toys, gum, food, or other distractions are allowed.

Organization: Being organized is a key to success. Therefore, all materials and assignments are to be kept neat and organized. Supplies are to be brought to class and ready for use daily.

Classwork and Homework: It is important that each student be ready to learn each day's learning objective when it is taught. Therefore, class work and homework is to be completed and kept up to date. Assignments and materials will be ready at the beginning of class.

Grading: It is important for each student to be placed in an academic setting where he or she can be successful. Therefore, students must maintain a C or better in all classes to remain in the program. Citizenship and work habits must be satisfactory or better.

Notebook: Your notebook for each class is your record of what you have been taught and what you are expected to learn. It is an important tool for you. It is also a way for parents to follow what their student is learning in class. Therefore, your notebook is to be kept neat and up-to-date.

Jobs: For a successful and productive year, each person involved with student learning must do their job. The teacher's job is to teach in such a way that students can learn. Therefore, teachers will present lessons in a variety of ways that enable students to grasp concepts and understanding. The student's job is to learn the content of their grade level. Therefore, students are expected to make the effort necessary for them to understand and apply what is taught. This includes asking questions, asking for help, and spending extra time on a concept when needed. The parent's job is to support, encourage, reinforce, and help guide/discipline their child's education. Therefore, parents are expected to take an active interest in what their child is learning in school. Through notebook checks and discussions with their child they should be aware of what their child is learning in school at any given time. They should also provide a home environment that supports their child's academic success.

Extra Curricular Gems Activities: To be eligible for extra curricular activities in the GEMS program, such as camp, students must maintain minimum grade and citizenship requirements.

Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty: Copying work from other students is not permitted. Students may work together on assignments or get lab data from their group, but the wholesale copying of another's work is not tolerated. All work turned in by students should be the students' own. Plagiarizing work from the internet or directly copying from others is a violation of trust. Academic dishonesty includes the following: claiming the work of others as your own, copying the work of others or allowing them to copy yours, writing papers for other students or allowing them to submit your work as their own, copying work from the internet or other sources and turning it in as your own, submitting the same work for more than one class without explicit permission from the teachers involved, making up or changing data for a research project, fabricating and/or altering documents and/or signatures on school or classroom documents, cheating on a test or helping another student to cheat on a test, altering assignment grades or lying to unfairly gain class credit or points, failing to report the academic dishonesty of others or helping others to violate this policy, or any incident where unfair advantage is sought over peers through dishonorable or prohibited means. Students who copy and students who let others copy will receive irrevocable zeroes on those assignments and be placed on GEMS probation.

Three strikes: It is not the goal of the GEMS disciplinary team to remove students from GEMS, however, it is sometimes necessary. Students will generally be given two warnings and will be exited from GEMS at the third serious infraction. Refer to the Disciplinary Action Plan for specifics.

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