

STEM Disclosure, 2020-21 Semester 1

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Our Mission: Everyone at TMS will achieve at high levels and build a culture of learning and respect.

Our Vision: Everyone at TMS will realize and maximize their full potential.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. Students will learn and develop skills they may use in STEM-related careers as they explore real-world problems and complete projects.

Classroom Expectations (Rules)

BE RESPECTFUL: of each other, yourself, the learning environment and process, classroom, materials, equipment, etc.

BE RESPONSIBLE: be on time and prepared for class, do your best, be active in completing all assignments, follow school and classroom expectations and policies, etc.

COVID Policies

This year will be very different than normal. During the COVID pandemic, you will be required to stay home when you are sick; wear a face covering while in the classroom; sanitize your hands when entering the classroom, changing activities in class, and leaving the classroom; have an assigned seat and work only with your table group; sanitize shared equipment after use; and sanitize your table, chair, and high-touch areas before you leave class. These policies are in place to keep us all safe and healthy. These policies may change as the pandemic situation changes.

Rewards for Good Choices

Your good choices will be rewarded with Gold Tokens and Cool 2 Care Cards. Gold Tokens allow you to spin the wheel to win a prize. Cool 2 Care Cards can be put in for prize drawings or be traded for a candy bar. Hard work and good behavior can also lead to the opportunity to learn more advanced filmmaking technologies and techniques.

Consequences for Bad Choices

1: Verbal warning

2: Seat change

3: Hallway conference and/or detention, call home

4: Referral to office for disciplinary action*

*For serious infractions or continuing issues, the teacher reserves the right to jump straight to referral.

Class Technology

You will need your charged iPad in class every day. The main website for our class will be Canvas; parents/guardians, I highly recommend that you become an observer on your student's Canvas. SIS is where you can find official school grades and attendance information. We will integrate other technology tools throughout the semester.

Supplies and Fees

Please bring your charged iPad, power cord, headphones or earbuds, and a pen or pencil to class.

General Policies

No food, drinks (except water bottles), or gum are allowed in class. Cell phones and other personal items will be silenced and put away; personal items that become a nuisance will be confiscated without a warning. Any evidence of plagiarism or cheating will result in the assignment being redone in detention, parent notification, and possible referral to the school administration. School and district rules will be enforced.

Attendance

In Person: You are expected to attend school when you are healthy and able. You are expected to arrive on time and be prepared for class. If you are absent, you are expected to log in to Canvas and make up what you missed before you return. If you come to class unprepared or missing assignments, you may not be able to participate in class activities.

Distance Learning: In the event that we are moved to distance learning, you will be expected to log in to Canvas and complete assignments each week. We may use Teams to have some live whole-class meetings, and you may be required to meet with the teacher individually on a Teams call.

Assignments and Homework

You will have assignments in class every day. Homework will be to finish any assignments you didn't finish in class, so you may need to work on assignments outside of class time. Assignments will not be penalized for late submission.

Grades

Your academic grade will be based on your assignments and what you accomplish in class. Your citizenship grade will be based on your behavior and work ethic in class. Grades will be calculated using the following scales, categories, and expectations. Grades are updated in Canvas daily and in SIS weekly (by Monday morning).

Academic Grade Scale

A: 90 - 100%
B: 80 - 89.99%
C: 70 - 79.99%
F: 0 - 60.99%

Academic Assignment Categories

35%: Learning Progress
35%: Daily Journal
25%: Other Assignments
5%: Bell Ringers

Citizenship Expectations

Commitment: be on time, be present, be prepared for class
Integrity: be responsible for your actions, participate in class activities
Honor: do your personal best, set goals, turn in assignments, come for stretch
Strength: create a positive learning environment, respect the learning of those around you

Citizenship Grade Scale

H: 90-100 points
S: 70-89 points
N: 60-69 points
U: 0-59 points

Citizenship Items

Exceptional Citizenship: +10 points
Citizenship Makeup: +5 points
Lacking Commitment (tardy, absent, not prepared): -6 points
Lacking Integrity (not responsible for your actions, not participating): -6 points
Lacking Honor (not doing your best, setting goals, turning in assignments, or coming for stretch): -6 points
Lacking Strength (hurting the learning environment, impacting others' ability to learn): -6 points

If You Need Help

My goal is for you to be successful. I am available to help you during class, Monday collaboration, stretch time, before school, and after school. If you need help or accommodations, please ask.

****Exceptions to class policies will be considered on a case-by-case basis.****