

### Mr. Z's Rules...



**Prompt means...**

Tardy means not being in class when the bell **stops ringing**.

- You must have a pass if you come in late and do not want to be counted as tardy.
- Sit down as soon as possible and take out your materials.

**Prepared means...**

This means come to class prepared and ready to learn. This includes, but is not restricted to:

- Bringing necessary materials: Books, paper, pens and pencils.
- Have assignments and homework completed.
- Have all assigned reading completed. Classroom discussion and your performance depend on it.
- Have your binders open, prepared to take notes when class begins.

**Polite means...**

In the immortal words of Aretha Franklin: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T". Be respectful of everyone and their property. Demonstrate respectful behavior.

- Manners are required here.
- Watch your language.
- Clean up after yourself and leave this school the way you found it. Don't throw things on the floor...and no, it's not just the custodian's job.
- Only one person speaks at a time! Learn it and live it.

### 1. Grading Scale.

Your grades will be based on the following scale.

92-100% = A	72% = C
90% = A-	70% = C-
88% = B+	68% = D+
82% = B	62% = D
80% = B-	60% = D-
78% = C+	Below 60% = F

Failure to accumulate 60% of the total possible points will result in a failing grade for the trimester and the student will not receive credit for the course.

### 2. Required Materials.

- Pen and #2 Pencil.
- 3 ring binder with loose-leaf paper for notes and assignments.
- Geography courses: Set of colored pencils.

### 3. Assignment Deadlines and Late Work.

Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the given due date. Act responsibly and turn them in on time. Late assignments receive only partial credit:

- on time.....no penalty
- more than one day.....50%

No late work will be accepted one week prior to the end of the trimester. That date is: November 16.

### 4. Absences and Make-Up Procedure.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to get missed notes and assignments.

- Check the daily activity binder when you return to school to see what you missed or check [www.mrzsneighborhood.com](http://www.mrzsneighborhood.com) under the DAILY ACTIVITY CALENDAR link (at home or in the media center before or after school.)
- Please write "absent" on your work, failure to do so will result in a partial grade for late work.
- Turn in all late/absent work to the hourly baskets!
- Pick up all assignments and handouts on the shelves marked "Daily Assignments and Handouts" (so simple, yet...) or download/print them at home or the media center.
- All tests and quizzes must be made-up before/after school or during a study hall. See me to schedule a time to do this.

### 5. Tardies.

You will receive only one warning...and this is it. If you are Tardy you will need to fill out a Tardy Ticket (Located by the door.). For every 3 tardies in a trimester, you will receive a mandatory unexcused absence. School policy requires a grade reduction for each unexcused absence. Students who are late more than 5 minutes late will also receive an unexcused absence.

### 6. Academic Integrity and Honesty.

Do not copy another's work, do not plagiarize, and do not look at another student's quiz or test. Do not allow someone else to copy your work. The consequence for this is **zero** credit for your work. Osseo Senior High School and I take this very seriously. Read the article about what **plagiarism** is on our class website under RESOURCES and check the student handbook.

### 7. Miscellaneous Policies and Tips.

- All school rules and attendance policies apply.
- No food and beverages are allowed in class.
- Keep all assignments in case of a grading error and to use as study guides. Throw away anything I give you at your own risk.
- As a high school student, you will be required to be more independent and organized than ever before. You will need to learn to be more responsible and
- Learn how to LISTEN very carefully... most people don't like to repeat themselves over and over again. I'm one of those people.
- Communicate clearly in verbal and written formats.
- Realize that you are the sum of your choices and *you get what you work for*. If you choose not to do your homework... expect it to reflect in your grade...