

# Mr. Alpert's Expectations Contract

*Life is made up of little things. It is very rarely that an occasion is offered for doing a great deal at once. True greatness consists in being great in little things.*

*-Charles Simmons*

*An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do.*

*-Aggie Code of Honor*

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I understand that the following classroom expectations are something I must **choose** to meet. I also understand that all of my choices have consequences. Therefore, if I choose **NOT** to follow these expectations, I know I must face the consequences, which are outlined on the back of this contract.

- I will enter the classroom quietly and respectfully.
- I will be **in my seat and ready to work** when the bell rings.
- I will bring all of my required materials to class each day.
- I will not talk while Mr. Alpert is talking.

## **Most importantly...**

- I will honor and respect my classmates, my classroom, Mr. Alpert, and myself.

More specifically, this means that:

- **I will** listen to the opinions of others with an open mind.
- **I will** give my classmates their own physical "space box" and will keep my hands to myself.
- **I will** respect the school's property and that of my classmates.
- **I will** have high expectations for myself and will put forth my best effort.
- **I will** fail to reach my own high expectations from time to time, and I will persevere and keep trying. Occasional failure is a requirement for greatness.

This also means that:

- **I will not** mock, bully, or belittle others, nor will I standby and tolerate this kind of behavior from anyone in my classroom community.
- **I will not** lie to Mr. Alpert, my classmates, or to myself.
- **I will not** cheat. Earning a failing grade is honorable, stealing a passing grade is not.

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I have read and understand the Expectations Contract and the class syllabus, including the grading and digital resources policy.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Consequences...both good and bad

### **Every 12 weeks, you will get:**

- One materials warning, then a detention.
- One tardy warning, then a detention.
- Three bathroom passes for Core and two for Reading, then no more privileges.

Failure to follow any other class rules will result in a parent phone call, 30-minute detention, 60-minute detention, or an office referral. Mr. Alpert will be responsible for determining appropriate consequences for individual actions.

### **Rewards:**

#### Individual:

When individuals promote a healthy classroom community, they will be rewarded with "Alpert Bucks." These can be used to "purchase" items once every 12 weeks, such as additional bathroom passes, school supplies, or candy.

#### Group:

When the entire class excels, we are rewarded together. Points are tracked on the board and rewarded once milestones are reached.

#### *Milestones*

- 5 points: 5 minutes of free "talk time" at the end of class
- 10 points: 5 minutes of free "talk time" and open seating for one class period
- 20 points: 5 minutes of free "talk time" and open seating for two class periods