

Mrs. Kaurich's Guidelines and Expectations
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Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to a great year. I am committed to working with my students/families through the Warren Consolidated Schools/State of Michigan established curriculum for Middle School Science. I believe by working together, we can make this a successful experience.

Please visit my website for updates on classroom learning by visiting the Warren Consolidated website and choose Carter, click on classroom webpages (far left menu), and click on Mrs. Kaurich.

Parents

Parents are key to their child's success. There are three important things I need from parents in order for their students to be successful. First, parents should be checking their student's agenda daily to see what was completed during class that day, what homework may have been assigned, and to see if there is any communication from me. Your student should be filling out their agenda **everyday** with such information. Second, if your son/daughter is struggling, encourage them to make arrangements to meet with me before or after school. Third, if possible, it would be in your child's best interest to make it to the Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Classroom Expectations

My two main classroom rules are: Be respectful and be responsible. This includes actions such as being on time to class, being prepared, listening to and following instructions, and respecting the property of others. A violation of any of these rules will result in a lowered conduct grade.

Tardy Policy

All of the teachers at Carter follow the same tardy policy. I expect your child to be in the classroom BEFORE the bell rings. After three tardies, they are given a verbal warning. After five tardies, a detention OR written assignment will be given and a form will be mailed home from the office to be signed by a parent and returned to the teacher. After seven tardies, a referral will be sent to the assistant principal.

Grading

Percent	Letter Grade
100-98%	A+
97-93%	A
92-90%	A-
89-87%	B+
86-83%	B
82-80%	B-
79-77%	C+
76-73%	C
72-70%	C-
69-67%	D+
66-63%	D
62-60%	D-
59-50%	E
49-0%	F

Many assignments will be completed during class time. The majority of the labs we do in science class will not be able to be made up if missed. Therefore, **attendance and participation are essential to success in this class.**

Grading of assignments varies on the nature of the assignment; however, according to WCS grading policy, the general weighting of student work will be:

- 75% of a student's grade comes from assessments (tests, quizzes, projects, and labs) Students will be given reviews in advance for unit tests and will be given rubrics for a project when assigned.
- 25% of a student's grade comes from class work and homework assignments.

Absent and Late Work:

It is the **responsibility of the student** to pick up any hand-outs when he/she is absent. One day will be given for each absent day to complete the assignment(s) missed. Late work will only be accepted for one week after the assignment was originally given. No late work will be accepted after this time period, so please check the "Parent Portal" frequently to see if your child has any missing work. The maximum score for late work is a 75%.

Restroom and Passes

Written passes to leave the classroom are only allowed for extreme emergencies! Time is allotted between classes to use restrooms and drinking fountains. If a student has a physical problem and needs to use the restroom more frequently, please call me to explain the situation and I will be accommodating. Agendas must be used at all times as a hall pass. **No agenda = no pass!** Three restroom/drinking fountain passes will be allowed each marking period.