**Ms. McKenny’s Class Rules and Policies**

*Every student in this class has the right to an education with no interruptions; I have the right to give every student in this class an education with no interruptions. Any behavior that interrupts this process will not be tolerated.*

1. **RESPECT** others, their opinions, beliefs, property and space.

Respect for others includes not speaking when someone else is speaking, listening carefully and responding appropriately, not using profanity or offensive language (in general or directed at a specific person). Respect for others’ property and space includes asking before borrowing any materials (including those belonging to Ms. McKenny), keeping classroom areas neat and tidy, and not defacing any property including desks, chairs, windows, books, etc.

2. **ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY** for your actions and behavior.

Each student is responsible for his or her own actions. Students will be held responsible for their behavior regardless of what other students are doing.

3. Non-bleeding, non-puking students have no reason to leave the classroom.

I cannot leave in the middle of class, neither can you. Each student will receive one **emergency** restroom pass *each 9 weeks*. Once this is gone, it is gone and you may not leave the classroom for any reason.

**EXCEPTION: WHEN A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IS PRESENT no student may leave the classroom *FOR ANY REASON!*** NO EXCEPTIONS, DON’T EVEN ASK!

4. Students are expected to be seated in their assigned seat, quiet, and ready to learn when the bell rings **or they will be counted as tardy.**

The school-wide tardy policy will be enforced. In this class, any student who is not seated in his or her assigned seat, quiet, and ready to learn (bellwork out) when the bell rings will be counted as tardy and issued a break detention.

5. Cell phones, iPods, and other electronics **WILL NOT** be used in class unless asked to do so for instructional purposes.

This includes in pockets/purses and on or under desks (my desks are not magical; they do not make phones invisible when placed under them!) In some circumstances, a class may earn the right to listen to music. At other times, phones/internet usage may be granted to complete class assignments. If a student cannot handle that responsibility, that student may be excluded from participating.

6. **“I forgot” is never an excuse.**

My motto: *No Excuses, Make it Happen!*

7. Food and drink is a *privilege,* not a *right*.

If ANY MESS is made or if food/drink become a distraction EVER, the only thing permitted in class will be bottled water.

7. Be prepared for class each day! This means bringing your English binder, books, paper, pens/pencils each day.

Being responsible means being prepared for class.

8. No sleeping in class.

If your head is down, you are sleeping, and consequences will be enforced.

**Consequences:**

1st offense: student will receive a verbal reminder of expectations

2nd offense: student will be assigned a break detention

3rd offense: student will be assigned a detention to be served in Ms. McKenny’s room before or after school

4th offense: office referral and phone call home/possible parent conference

EXCEPTIONS: Extremely disrespectful behavior (foul language, talking back, etc.) or any behavior that severely inhibits learning will result in an immediate office referral.

**Detention Policy:**

All before/after school detentions will be accompanied by a note home that **MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT. Failure to return the signed detention form *on the next school day* will be considered defiance and will result in an office referral and a phone call home**. Detentions are served as a punishment to the student and **will not** be an inconvenience to Ms. McKenny (*in other words, they are scheduled around my schedule not yours*) Detentions will be completed for **30 minutes before or after school** on an assigned day. It is the student’s responsibility to arrange for a ride/way home after detention. ***Don’t do the crime if you can’t do the time!***