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**Tentative Agenda/First Day of School**

8th Grade AGENDA:

1st period:

7:55 – Greet students at the door

Students will be greeted at the door with a smile and a formal greeting (hello, how are you, how was your weekend?).

8:00 – Bell rings, class begins

Students will be introduced to the bell work written on the board on the first day of class. They will be shown where to turn the bell work, along with other assignments, at the assignment bin near the door. The first day bell work will be an icebreaker for me and the student to get to know each other, it will require the student to write down a paragraph about themselves and their interests, along with what they hope to gain out of my class.

8:15 – Social Contract

Students will then begin to discuss with me what they believe should be our class ‘Social Contract’ that will set expectations for them to follow with me and their fellow students during the school year. The students will have a major part in setting the expectations for themselves to follow. Following the agreement that we set for the Social Contract, students will then sign it and we will place it in an area we all agree is best for the students to see upon entering the room.

8:35 – Guidelines and Expectations

Students will then be given a set of guidelines for how things work in my classroom. Such items will include using the restroom (no using the restroom during the last 10 minutes of class unless exceptions are made in advance with me), homework (late work will result in 10 points off until the third day, after that, it will not be excepted and will result in a zero), and potential extra credit (by submitting three current events for the week to make up for a missed homework assignment).

8:45 – First-day Activity/seat assignment

Students will have an activity to share with the teacher and their students what was the most interesting thing they did all summer break. Following that activity, students will pick their seats to sit in for the first 6 weeks of the semester.

8:55 – Dismissal

Students will be sent off to their next class with a proper farewell (Bye! Have a great rest of your school day!, Don’t forget about your assignment due this week!, I look forward to teaching you all this year!) and will be high-fives at the door.

2nd Period:

9:00-9:55

8th grade students will be in Physical Education during this period, allowing me to catch up on emails and prepare for the next class.

3rd Period:

10:05-11:00

This will be one of my ‘honors’ classes, so these students will be held to a higher standard than the regular classes will. The biggest difference is that these students will have Current Events as an assignment during the week (3 per week due every Friday). The regular classes will only have those as extra credit opportunities. Same schedule will follow otherwise.

4th Period:

11:05-11:45

This will be an advisory period. Students will have the opportunity to catch up on school work as well as be given announcements for school.

11:05 - Bell rings/advisory begins

Students will be have an opportunity to introduce each other, as well as introduce new students to the group.

11:10 – Documents about school rules handed out

Students will be given documents regarding the rules of the school (Dress code, what is and is not allowed at school, a map detailing every location of the school, alarm procedures for fires and school shootings, tornado shelters). The documents will require parents signatures so that they are aware of procedures here at school.

11:20 – Icebreaker

Students in my advisory will have the same opportunity to do an icebreaker, similar to my regular classes, where they can talk about their summer activities and their interests. They will then be placed into groups and we will do a game called ‘never have I ever’ where students will have to sit back down if they have done an activity that was said by the teacher.

11:35 – Prep for lunch

Students will then be given the lunch schedule for 7th and 8th grade. Students will be shown what times lunch are for the students.

Lunch

11:40-12:20

Lunch will allow me time to eat my lunch and catch up on other schoolwork throughout the school year.

6th Period:

12:30-1:25

This will be a regular class, they will be given the same procedures as the 1st period class.

7th Period:

1:30-2:25

This will be another ‘honors’ class where the students will be held to the same standards as my 3rd period class.

8th Period:

2:30-3:25

This will be a regular class, they will follow the 1st and 6th period classes for instructional methods.

3:30 -END OF SCHOOL DAY

Following the end of the school day, I will stay after school 2-3 days a week for tutoring opportunities. These will usually last until 4:15-4:30, after that, my day as a teacher has come to an end until the next school day.