

MR. ABNEY'S SCHEDULE (ALL A-Day Classes)

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1. Latin I (Room 215)
2. Latin II (Room 215)
3. Latin III/AP Vergil (Room 215)
5. German III/German IV (Room 215)
7. Freshman Seminar (1st sem.)/Classical Mythology (2nd sem.)

SUPPLIES FOR CLASS

1. a separate binder or a section of a larger binder (no wire-bound notebooks, please)
2. pencils (for tests) and pens (only *blue* or *black* ink for what you hand in)
3. loose-leaf paper (two-column paper for AP Latin)
4. index cards for flashcards
5. textbook(s) and workbook(s) provided by teacher
6. Latin dictionary (AP Vergil)
7. German dictionary (German classes)
8. English translation of the *Aeneid* (AP Vergil)
9. agenda/daily planner (freshman seminar)

GUIDELINES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CLASS

1. COME TO CLASS ON TIME. COME TO CLASS PREPARED.

Always walk in quietly. Take your seat and remain seated. Bring items necessary for class and have them ready. Study and do your homework. Be proactive in your learning: seek help before any problems can begin.

2. FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS.

Listen for instructions and follow them carefully.

3. GET PERMISSION TO SPEAK OR LEAVE YOUR SEAT.

Talking or strolling around the room distracts everyone. Raise your hand and wait for me to call on you. **Restroom and drinking fountain privileges are reserved for emergencies; our time is limited.**

4. TREAT EVERYONE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

Every person or group has a right to be here. Do not go through someone's belongings or take something that does not belong to you. Physical violence is unacceptable. Verbal abuse is inappropriate. Avoid profane, obscene, or demeaning language. Nothing less than complete honesty will be tolerated in academics and other classroom affairs.

5. GUM, CELL PHONES, CANDY, FOOD, BEVERAGES, COUGH DROPS, MEDICATION, GADGETS, TOYS, GAMES, PAPER WADS, RUBBER BANDS, AROMATIC SPRAYS, LOTIONS, CALCULATOR GAMES, IPODS, CD PLAYERS, ETC. ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

Anything not on the list falls under the category "et cetera." Speaking with a wad of gum in your mouth is difficult. Hearing directions while listening to music is impossible. Turn off your cell phone and leave all food and drinks outside this classroom. We need to focus on learning at all times.

GRADING SCALE

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|----|--------|----|----------|
| A | 100-93 | C | 76-73 |
| A- | 92-90 | C- | 72-70 |
| B+ | 89-87 | D+ | 69-67 |
| B | 86-83 | D | 66-63 |
| B- | 82-80 | D- | 62-60 |
| C+ | 79-77 | F | below 60 |

NOTES

1. Students dropping a class after the 60th day receive a grade of F for the semester.
2. Students who wish or need to drop back to a level in a language class must do so by day 15 of class (Sept. 7). Students who should move ahead to a higher level must do so by day 10 of class (Aug. 30).

DEPARTMENTAL POLICY ON STANDARDS-BASED GRADING AND REPORTING

This page outlines the departmental policy on homework, extra credit, late work, retesting, academic detentions, and class participation. (For students who are working with me again this year, changes from my past policies are indicated parenthetically).

Reteach/Reassess

Students may retake one time any quiz when the student scores lower than a 70% (formerly 80%) if the following criteria are met:

- all work for the unit is completed and turned in;
- any review session or review work assigned by the teacher is completed and turned in;
- student makes arrangements to do the retake outside of the normal class period.

The deadline for quizzes is one week. The deadline for projects and tests is two weeks. (Previously Mr. Abney allowed essentially unlimited time to retest.)

The most recent score counts. (This provision is a change from Mr. Abney's past practices.)

No retakes on final exams.

Extra Credit:

No extra credit is accepted or available.

Homework:

Homework is essential practice to achieve the skills that students are expected to master. Some homework will not be graded, but you are expected to do ALL homework. Homework grades may count as no more than 10% of the quarter grade.

Late Work:

Late work should be turned in as soon as possible before the end of the unit. Students may be assigned an academic detention to complete work not turned in by the due date. (Previously Mr. Abney generally allowed unlimited time to turn in work. We will be participating in the official academic detention system, but, as always, students are still welcome to stop by on their own after school for help or practice. In other words, you don't have to have a detention to come in after school to work on something.)

Participation:

Communication is an essential standard and active participation/performance is used to assess the development of this skill.

Summary

With this new policy it becomes more incumbent upon students than ever before to demonstrate persistent effort and to work proactively toward mastery of the various topics and skills.

For example, students who have failed to complete all assignments and obtain help before a low quiz/test grade may not have time to do missing work of acceptable quality, make test corrections, complete additional practice, attend detentions/study sessions, and schedule a retest with the teacher before the expiration of the make up period.

Please be sure that you:

- stay caught up on homework and other assignments;
- come in for help or to check your understanding before the quiz/test, not after;
- study and review regularly (there should never be a day where you aren't doing something to practice or review the language);
- do it right the first time because an A, B, or C quiz/test grade is no longer eligible for a retest.