Rooke-Ley 2018-2019 AGS-1

About Me

I was born in Miami, Florida and moved to Eugene when I was 6 years old. I lived in Eugene until college and attended South Eugene High School. I went to the Claremont Colleges in Los Angeles where I played baseball and majored in Government and Sociology. Post-college, I played two years of professional baseball in Australia before getting my Master’s in Education and began to teach. My parents still live in Eugene where my dad is a retired law professor and my mom is a judge. I also have a brother and sister who are twins and 2 years younger than me.

I love Oregon and would never move out of the state again. I’m a huge sports guy and also run my own baseball academy in Hillsboro after school. Love being outside and everything this state offers. This is my 5th year teaching overall, 3rd teaching math, and loving it everyday!

I’m also not just a math teacher, I try to teach life. If something important happens in the world, we’re going to talk about it. Although I’d love you to leave here being great at math, I’d rather you leave here informed and knowledgeable about the world.

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AGS-1

AGS-1 is a freshman level high school class that consists of a blend of Algebra, Geometry and Statistics. All work and information is found in the Module Book that you will receive each new unit. This is the only class at Whitford Middle School in which you repeat if you do not pass. Passing requires you to demonstrate an academic understanding on the content and a behavioral commitment to your studies. If you do both, you will move onto AGS-2 as a freshman in high school next year. If you do not, you will either repeat the class or possibly move down.

Why does this matter?

Passing AGS-1 as an 8th grade is the number 1 indicator of high school success. Starting high school in AGS-2 will allow students the path to complete the necessary AP and IB to enroll in a college of their choice. Furthermore, staying on the advanced math track will allow students to gain college credit during their junior and senior year.

Failing AGS-1 will result in repeating AGS-1 the following year. If you fail egregiously, you will be placed in the AGS Prep or Math Skills class, both which require extra class time and the possible loss of electives. Safe to say, this class is important and most importantly, your effort should reflect that.

Homework

With the movement to 90 minute classes this year, homework will be entirely dependent upon the choices of the student. After 90 minutes of focus, hard work and commitment to that day’s assignment, it is in my best judgement that nothing more at home is required. If you make the right choices every day, you will rarely, if ever, have homework. If you choose to spend your time in class otherwise, be prepared to work at home. If you chose not to work at home, be prepared to be held to different expectations in class.

Tests

A large percentage of your grades, and thus your placement for next year, will be dependent upon your test and quiz scores. For that reason, you are given access to all self-created materials during the test. Any notes, flash cards or anything else created at school or at home is fair game. Hint: Pay close attention when we take notes

Norms/Rules

Very simple.

* **Be upfront/honest.** Don’t lie. Don’t try to deceive me. Don’t sneak things. If you need something, ask. If you need to use your phone, ask. If you need more time to study for a test, ask. If you are honest, I’ll probably say yes.
* **Be Respectful.** Watch your language, tone and volume. Treat your peers the right way. I have family members that are of different races, backgrounds and sexual orientations. Issues and language targeted at those who are different is an issue that is close to me. Anything that is said negatively is that regard will be dealt with strongly and quickly.

Phones

**Phones are not allowed on students in my classroom.** Please put them in your locker prior to class. If for some reason you need it in the room, you must consult with me and I will put them in a basket on my desk. If you are caught with a phone on you, it will get taken until a parent can come and pick it up from me.

Chromebooks

We will use our chrome books on and off each day. Please bring them each day charged.

What if I get done early?

Be a Kid.

* No chrome books
* Board games
* Sudoku
* Puzzles
* Help others
* 24
* Flash cards
* Read
* Other classwork

RaffleBox

Make the right choices, you’ll get rewarded. In the Rafflebox contains free technology passes, free homework pass, music privileges and others.

Fun Friday’s

Two Friday’s each month will be designated as Fun Friday’s. Each will have a different theme, but will be a period in which students who complete their weekly work are rewarded. The second half of the period will be some free choice. Any student who did not complete every assignment of the week will be required to stay in their seat until it is done.

Seating Chart

Sit where you please, but be smart. One mishap, disruption or problem will result in you bring moved to my choice of seat until the end of the quarter.