

Welcome to the Rockets Team

Dear Rockets Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year. We are pleased to partner with you in ensuring that your child has a positive educational experience.

Rockets Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an engaging, safe learning environment where students are challenged to persevere to meet expectations, their diversified needs are met, rigor is implemented, creating productive, creative thinkers and lifelong learners.

The team consists of Dr. Farmer, Mrs. Mattson, Ms. Rivera, Ms. Hamilton, and Mrs. Holt. Parents and support staff are also integral to the success of each student thus it is imperative for all to work cooperatively and communicate openly to meet expectations. This can be achieved through regular phone calls, emails or communicating via the daily agenda.

Since lifelong success depends on learning to make responsible choices, we have developed a classroom discipline plan that, with the school-wide discipline plan, guides every student to make good decisions about behavior. Students deserve the most positive educational climate for their growth, and we know that together, we will make a difference in this process. The following plan outlines our expectations and homework policy. After reading and discussing together, please sign and return the attached acknowledgement form by **August 28, 2017**.

Rockets Class Expectations

Be punctual and prepared with school supplies
Behave with respect to staff and fellow students
Be neatly dressed in proper school board approved uniform
Refrain from using cell phones in class unless authorized by teacher
All assignments turned in timely

The following is an excerpt from SBBC Policy 6306 (Homework policy). *Students shall:*

- a. Understand that homework is part of the course requirement.*
- b. Ask questions to clarify homework assignments before leaving class.*
- c. Complete and submit homework assignments by the due date. (If the student has an excused absence, they will be required to request and complete the make-up work within two days of returning, as per SBBC policy. Zeros will be given for any assignments that are not turned in by the due date or make-up date). Under extenuating circumstances and at teacher's discretion, additional time to submit the make-up work for full-earned credit and grade may be granted.*
- d. Complete all assignments honestly in accordance with the teacher's directions.*

The Rockets team teachers will be strictly enforcing this policy so students will be well prepared for High School.

Consequences

Teachers will adhere to a unified discipline plan to administer consequences when necessary. These include verbal warnings, seat removals, class removal, parental contact, writing assignments, morning detentions and referrals.

Rewards

Rewards include but are not limited to: verbal praise, positive parent contact, classroom and team rewards, School wide and theme planned activities.

Technology Requirements

In preparation for the Florida Standards Assessments technology requirements, your student will have computer-based on-line independent learning activities as part of their homework assignments in all classes. As a result, it is crucial for your student to have regular reliable access to a computer and the internet. Please make any necessary arrangements to ensure your student's success.

Students are expected to use technology responsibly.

Students have a responsibility to understand the difference between appropriate and unacceptable uses of online communications and information systems, the Internet and networks. Students have a responsibility to use online communications and information systems, the Internet and networks in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with their educational mission. Students have a responsibility to recognize that the use of online communications and information systems, the Internet and networks is a privilege that can be withdrawn if they engage in unacceptable or illegal use of this resource. You may view the complete technology policy and all School Board policies on the Web at: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>.

General Expectations

Students are required to maintain a purple folder to keep their reading log for STAR. Students must document their reading in their log at home and at school daily to meet this requirement.

Please note that students need to be prepared to attend supplemental enrichment sessions to prepare for Algebra EOC. Additionally students must be consistent with completing assignments on Tenmarks, Khan Academy, and Algebra Nation on a regular basis.

Attached is the supply list for each class. These materials will help your student complete the tasks necessary for academic success. Please help your student obtain these materials by **August 28, 2017** and to maintain them throughout the year.

Be assured that our goal is to work as a team to ensure that the 2017–2018 school year is a great success for your child. Since communication is key to this success, please feel free to contact us about any concerns at (754) 322 – 3900.

Sincerely,
The Rockets Team

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Rockets Supply List

For All Classes

- Pencils/Erasers
- pencil sharpener with waste catcher
- loose-leaf paper
- highlighters
- blue, black, green, red pens
- Novel at all times
- 1 small stapler (with staples)
- Ruler
- Pocket dictionary/thesaurus

CARE

- Blue Duo-tang folder (preferably plastic)

Speech 2

- ***Please refer to course syllabus for specific supplies.

Language Arts Specific

- Index cards
- 2 composition books
- 1 pack of pocket dividers
- blue, black, green, red ink pens
- multi-color highlighters
- post it notes
- flash drive on a key ring or chain
- soft binder 1.5"
- white out tape

Civics Specific

- 3-ring binder with paper (1 ½ inch)
(This binder is to be used only for Social Studies!)
- 8 dividers
- Red Duo-tang folder (preferably plastic)

Science Specific

- ***Please refer to course syllabus for specific supplies.

Math Specific

- ***Please refer to course syllabus for specific supplies.

Rockets Wish List

If you can afford to help us, please consider donating one or more of the following items to be used in the Rockets classrooms.

- Reams of copy paper, paper clips
- Tissues
- Sanitizer or hand wipes
- Books/novels to donate

Rockets Team Welcome Letter

Please sign and return *this page only* by August 28, 2017.

Student name (Print) _____ Group _____

I have read the **Rockets Class Rules, Technology Usage Expectations, Students Requirements and Expectations** and agree to comply with them. I have also received a copy of the Rockets Supply list and agree to acquire and maintain them throughout the year.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian name _____ Home phone _____

Cell or work phone _____

Parent Email address _____

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Parent signature _____ Date _____