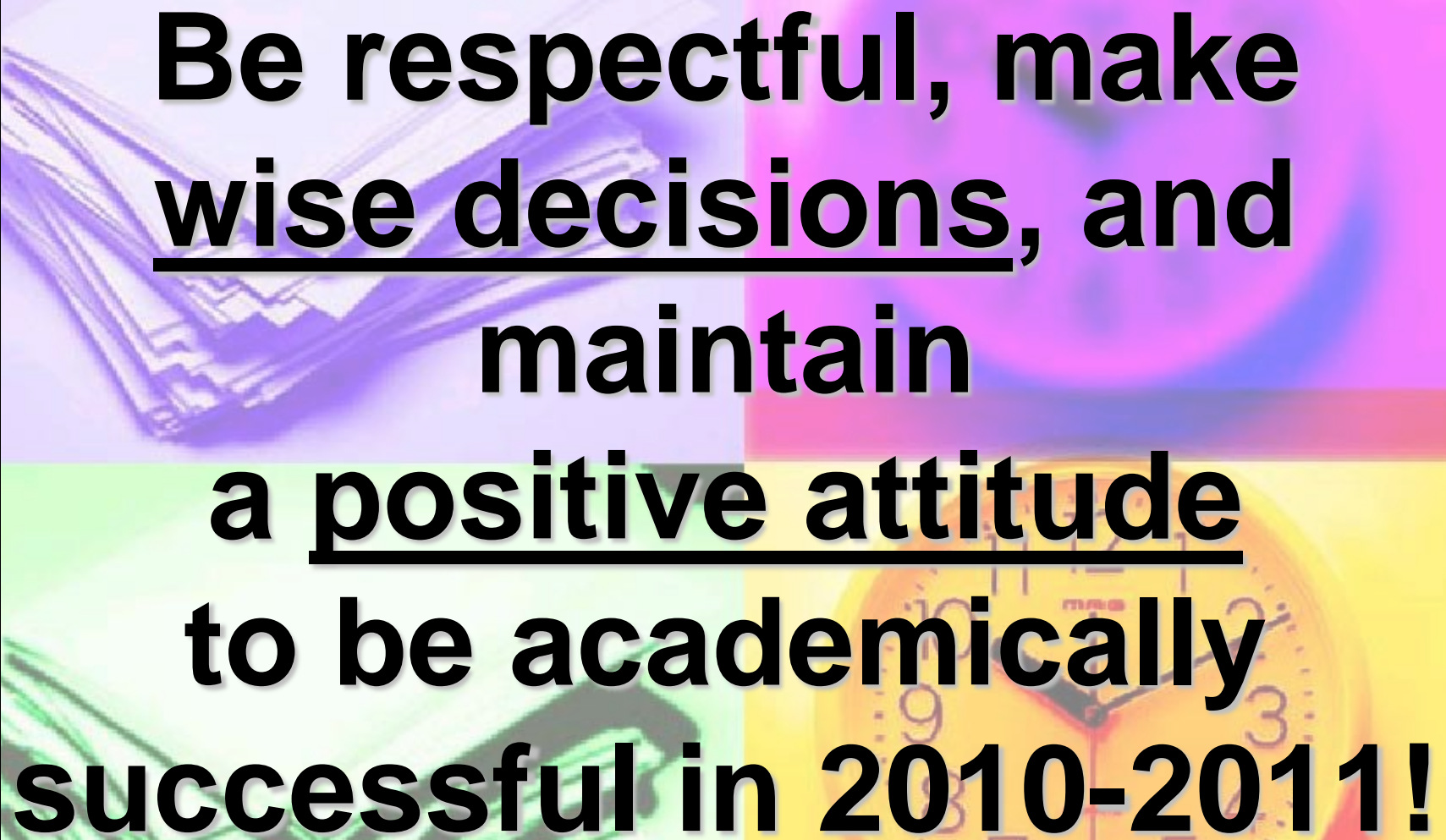




# **Salem High School**



## **Boyd's Course Policies**

The background is a collage of three images: a stack of books on the left, a clock face on the right, and a glowing lightbulb in the upper right corner. The text is centered and reads:

**Be respectful, make  
wise decisions, and  
maintain  
a positive attitude  
to be academically  
successful in 2010-2011!**



# Meet Ms. Boyd's expectations.

- Respect your own potential, the ideas and rights of your peers, and the efforts of all adults who work diligently to educate you.
- Enthusiastically pursue and celebrate learning. (Fake it if you must; attitude is all.)
- Make informed decisions and accept full responsibility for your choices.





# Consequences of Poor Choices

- When you make a decision that negatively impacts the learning of the class, you and I will have a conversation. If necessary, you and I will contact a parent, guardian, or administrator.
- After an initial warning, detention and/or disciplinary action may be necessary.



# Follow Salem's Five Stars of Excellence:

- Honesty
- Kindness
- Respect
- Self Discipline
- Work Ethic



# Violations Defined

- ***Cheating*** is the use of and/or presenting of any unauthorized or prohibited aid in any assigned work or the providing of unauthorized or prohibited aid to another.
- ***Plagiarism*** is the presentation of another person's work or ideas as one's own. Failure to use quotation marks or to give an author credit is plagiarism.





# Consequences of Academic Dishonesty

- Academic dishonesty damages your integrity and is a detriment to your own learning.
- Students who act in ways that are academically dishonest may be referred to administrators for disciplinary action.
- According to RCPS policy, committing an act of academic dishonesty will result in a grade of zero and/or a suspension.



# **Dress with respect for yourself and others.**

- pants at the hip
- shorts and skirts of knee-length
- sleeveless shirts with collars
- no oversized shirts or jerseys
- no bare midriffs or backs
- no exposed cleavage
- no spandex, head-coverings, or sleep apparel
- no holes or torn fabric





# Being in class is crucial!

- Academic success directly correlates to attendance.
- When you are absent for one period, you miss more than an hour and a half of instruction. **I require that you spend at least 45 minutes with me after school on the next tutorial day (Tuesday or Thursday) when you miss class.**
- After ten hours of absence, you will not be allowed to make up work without administrative conference.



# Reasons for Excused Absence

- personal illness
- serious illness or death in immediate family
- government agency order
- observance of religious holiday
- conditions that render attendance impossible or hazardous to health or safety



# Examples of Unexcused Absences

- dentist appointment
- college visit
- malfunctioning alarm clock
- family vacation
- shopping for prom dress
- fatigue from extracurricular participation
- work on a school project



# Procedure for Excused Absence Make-Up Work

- On first day back to class, present teacher a dated and signed note from parent (or appropriate source) explaining absence and providing accurate contact information.
- Initiate make-up work before or after class (not during).
- Complete make-up work within five school days.
- Do not expect teacher to remind you.





## **Be on time to each class!**

- Arriving late to class is disrespectful to your teacher and classmates. You may not disrupt the learning of others.
- The door of room 238 will be locked at the moment the late bell rings. Do not knock!



# Consequences of Tardiness

- fail to receive or understand directions and assignments and forfeit time to participate in class
- three tardies = one hour of absence
- incur Ms. Boyd's wrath



# Passes

- When you are not in class, you're missing instruction and hindering your academic success.
- You will only be allowed eight passes during the semester.
- Make wise choices. Instead of spending all your time between classes or during lunch chatting with friends, take care of more essential business and save your passes for emergencies.



# Late Work Policy

- Late work is unacceptable. However, students will be granted limited opportunities to submit late work with consequences.
- 10% deduction: 8:00 a.m. the following day
- 25% deduction: beginning of next class meeting (two school days after due date)
- 50% deduction: six school days after due date (FINAL opportunity)







# Strive for academic success!

- Be prepared and participate.
- Ask questions during class.
- Use time wisely and don't procrastinate.
- Get help from 3:00 to 3:45 Tuesday & Thursday afternoons.
- Visit the wiki (<http://shslboyd.pbworks.com>) for class information.
- E-mail Ms. Boyd before 9:00 p.m. ([lboyd@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:lboyd@rockdale.k12.ga.us)).



# Bring necessary supplies to class each day.

- USB flash drive
- 3-ring binder (at least 1½ inch) with dividers
- loose leaf notebook paper
- blue or black pens for all in-class writing
- pencils for testing
- highlighters (3 different colors)
- 3 x 5 index cards (pack)

# **Act as an adult and be treated as an adult.**



- Treat yourself and others with respect.
- Dress appropriately.
- Have cell phones and i-Pods turned off and put away during class.
- Bring no food or drink except water into the classroom.
- Choose to be prepared.
- Be responsible and plan ahead; discuss conflicts or problems with Ms. Boyd.







# **Most importantly, meet Ms. Boyd's expectations each day.**

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