Welcome to my classroom! I am excited to be working with you this year. I thought it would be helpful to outline what my expectations are for you in my classroom.

You are a teacher - First and foremost, I view you as another teacher in the room. I expect this same viewpoint from our students. They are to respect you as they would respect me. If a student is doing something that he or she should not be and I do not notice or am working with another student, you may intervene. For example, if you see a student texting, I would expect you to take their phone away. They know the rules, and you have the authority to do so.

Keep students on task - One of the greatest struggles for many of our students is staying on task. This is where I will need your assistance the most during class time. At the beginning of class students will be expected to be working on bellwork right after the bell rings. It may take a while for some students to become consistent with this, so I would like your help making sure all students are working.

Students will also be expected to write notes during certain parts of the class. I will be giving a copy of my notes to you before class, so you will not need to take notes. Instead, I would like you to walk around the room making sure all students are taking notes appropriately. I will be doing this as well, but it works a lot more smoothly and we can catch more students with both of us working together. Hopefully, as the semester goes on they will get better at this.

Ask questions - I will not be providing an answer key for assignments this year. You will receive all copies that the students do, and any assignments will be posted clearly on the board. However, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me. This also goes for during class instruction. If I say something that doesn’t make sense to you, chances are there is a student who feels the same way. So please ask!

It’s your classroom too - If you need to leave for any reason, do not feel that you should ask permission. I trust you as an educator. Please just let me know when you are leaving and where you are going. Also, the lower cabinet next to the filing cabinet is for your use if you would like to store any items there.

They are all our students - If a student needs help, even if they do not have an IEP, I expect you to still help them. There may be times when I am working closely with students that struggle, so it will be up to you to assist other students that have questions.

If you have any questions or concerns with what I have indicated above, or anything that I did not address, do not hesitate to let me know. I’m looking forward to a great year, and I know that I won’t be able to do this without you.

Para Educator Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________

Special Ed Teacher Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________

Regular Ed Teacher Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________