

Class Participation Guidelines

Each student begins the quarter with 50 class participation points. These points are yours to keep.

How to keep your class participation points

- When asked a question that is not a “Stand and Deliver” question, Give It Your Best Shot (GIYBS). “I don’t know” is not an acceptable answer. Hang in there, think and don’t give up.
- Complete all homework and classwork, so that if you are asked to provide information and add to the class discussion on the topic covered in that assignment, you are able to do so.
- Add to class discussion and positive learning environment by volunteering to answer questions, ask about topics you’re unsure of, participate in class recitations of definitions, etc. Speak in a clear, distinct voice.
- Bring books and materials to class.
- Remain conscious.
- Be respectful. Don’t interrupt or disrupt when someone else is asking or answering a question or clarifying/explaining some information or concept.
- Be ready to participate the minute class begins.

How to lose your class participation points

- **Answer, “I don’t know,” in response to a “Give it Your Best Shot” question.**
- Don’t complete homework or classwork and therefore be unable to answer questions.
- **Come to class without your book** or other materials.
- Sleep.
- When answering a question, mumble or whisper.
- **Talk while another student is responding to or asking a question or while the teacher is talking so that the class has to wait for/ask you to be attentive.**
- **Ignore the bell to begin class. Keep yapping like there’s nothing to do.**

Any of the above behaviors will automatically cause points to be deducted.

On occasion I will hand out a form that will give you your class participation grade and explain how it got that way. This is primarily a way for you to keep up with your grade. This does not mean that I hate you and think you’re a hooligan, thug, or communist dictator.

**Respect – Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
Respect in government class – Behave in such a way that gives everyone an opportunity to do their best.**