

Seventh Grade Blogging Rules

2012-2013

1. I will not give out any information more personal than my first name nor will I post pictures of myself or my classmates.
2. I will not plagiarize, instead I will expand on others' ideas and give credit where it is due.
3. I will use language appropriate for school.
4. I will always respect my fellow students and their writing.
5. I will only post pieces that I am comfortable with everyone seeing; other pieces I will keep as drafts.
6. I will not be afraid to express my ideas, while not over generalizing or making derogatory/inflammatory remarks; any posts on controversial issues must be submitted to Miss McMillan for consideration before they can be posted to my blog.
7. I will use constructive/productive/purposeful criticism, supporting any idea, comment, or critique I have with evidence.
8. I will take blogging seriously, posting only comments and ideas that are meaningful and that contribute to the overall conversation.
9. I will take my time when I write, using formal language (not text lingo), and I will try to spell everything correctly.
10. I will not use my blog posts or comments as a chat room. (No IM or texting lingo.)
11. I will not bully others in my blog posts or in my comments.
12. I will never access another student's account or make any changes to their site.
13. I will be proactive in monitoring the comments that others leave on my blog, forwarding inappropriate comments to Miss McMillan if necessary.
14. I will personalize my blog and keep my writing authentic, while taking responsibility for anything I add to my blog.
15. I will not provoke other students in my blog posts or comments.
16. I will use my blog as an extension of the classroom, and in doing so, I will leave anything that is unsaid in the classroom unsaid on my blog.
17. I will only post photos which are school appropriate and are either not copyrighted or

correctly cited.

18. I will not spam.
19. I will only post comments on posts that I have fully read, rather than just skimmed.
20. I will not reveal anyone else's identity in my comments or posts.

Infractions of these rules will lead to the following consequences in order of severity and number of offense:

1. Letter of apology to those offended by the infraction (individual students, one core class, or whole blogging community), warning by teacher, and editing or deletion of offending post/comment.
2. Letter of apology to those offended by the infraction (individual students, one core class, or whole blogging community), temporary loss of blogging privileges (duration of trimester), editing or deletion of offending post/comment.
3. Letter of apology to those offended by the infraction (individual students, one core class, or whole blogging community), permanent loss of blogging privileges (duration of school year), editing or deletion of offending post/comment.

I have read and understand the Seventh Grade Blogging Rules.

Student Signature

Print name

Parent Signature

Adopted from the original agreement at: Academy of Discovery wiki
(<http://discovery0607.wikispaces.com/Discovery+Bloggng+Rules>)