

Fundamentals of Computing
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Mrs. Erin Peake, and I am excited to have your student in my class this semester. As you know, in today's world it is very important that all students possess strong technological knowledge and skills in order to be successful in today's workforce. The South Carolina Fundamentals of Computer Science course is designed to introduce students to the field of computer science through an exploration of engaging and accessible topics. Through creativity and innovation, students will use critical thinking and problem solving skills to implement projects that are relevant to students' lives. Furthermore, students will create a variety of computing artifacts while collaborating in teams. Students will gain a fundamental understanding of the history and operations of computers, programming, and web design. Students will also be introduced to computing careers and will examine societal and ethical issues of computing. Students will need pencils/pens, erasers, an inexpensive pair of wired headphones, and a positive attitude that is ready to learn each and every day.

Classroom Guidelines & Consequences

- Respect the personal rights, property, and opinions of your teacher, your classmates, and yourself.
- Be in your seat and ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
- Come to class prepared with all books and materials AND take them when you leave.
- Show a positive attitude.

Note: We will follow all procedures and policies as outlined in the Dorman High School Handbook that each student is given at the beginning of the year.

Choosing to follow these guidelines will result in the following:

- Verbal acknowledgement and praise
- Participation grade
- An optimal learning environment
- A stress-free, pleasant, and secure classroom atmosphere

Choosing not to follow classroom guidelines or procedures will result in the following: (Level I Behaviors)

1st Offense – Verbal warning

Four or more offenses - Referral to Administrator

2nd Offense - Contact parent

3rd Offense - Teacher Detention and contact parents

Level II Behaviors: (Disruptive and disrespectful behaviors that interrupts instruction) - immediate referral to principal

Severity Clause:

Any student who uses profanity, fights, damages school property (this includes property of the teacher and other students), or is disrespectful (as defined by the teacher) will be referred to an Administrator and/or removed from **class immediately**.

Make Up Work

Students who are absent should see me when they return to class to find out what they missed and receive any handouts or assignments. It is the student's responsibility to make up for missed work. If the student is absent only on the day of an assigned test, an in-class writing assignment, or when an assignment is due, the student should be prepared to turn in or make up the assignment on the day of return. Other missed work should be turned in within three days (after three days, 10 points will be deducted every day for late work). Missing assignments will remain a zero (0) in PowerSchool until the assignment is completed. It is the student's responsibility to make up any incomplete or missing assignments on his/her own time outside of class.

I am excited about the course material your student will be learning and strongly believe the benefit of learning these skills will be of value to your student in the years to come. If you have any questions, comments, or special needs regarding your student, please feel free to contact me at (864) 582-4347 Ext 2103 or epeake@spart6.org.

Distance Learning

In the case of distance learning/e-learning days within the district, students will receive classwork and important information from me through **Google Classroom and CodeHS**.

Please take the time to sign and fill out the attached Parent Contact Form and send it back with your student.

Erin Peake

Dorman High School / Room B-103

Cell Phone Policy

A new cell phone policy will go into effect during the school day starting January 7th, 2025. This new cell phone policy will prohibit the use of any electronic device that is used for communication during the school day. This is not a Dorman policy or a District 6 policy but instead a policy implemented by the South Carolina Department of Education. Every school in the state will follow this policy beginning January 7, 2025.

Electronic devices must be turned off and placed out of sight during the school day. The school day is defined as: from the time you arrive (i.e. tardy bell) on campus until the dismissal bell rings at 3:30.

Devices that are prohibited during the school day:

- Any device used to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture images or video. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, gaming devices, wireless and wired headphones.

Actions prohibited during the school day:

- Viewing, holding, wearing, or otherwise using a device for the purpose of communication, internet access, gaming, recording, or any other function commonly associated with devices.

Where to keep electronic devices during the school day:

- Devices should be powered off and stored in lockers, backpacks, or pockets (out-of-sight) ● Exceptions are school-issued Chromebooks

Exceptions to the Policy:

- If explicitly required by a student's IEP, Medical Plan, or 504 Plan, the student shall be allowed to access their personal electronic device
- A student who is a member of a volunteer firefighting organization or emergency organization may be authorized to carry a device with written permission from the school principal
- A student may have access to their device to utilize the suicide prevention hotline, crisis text line, mental health crisis line, school safety tip line, and the "see something, hear something, say something" school safety communication protocols
- A student may send/receive communications with their parent/guardian during non-instructional times approved by the school's administration

Consequences for Policy Violation:

- 1st Offense: Warning and Phone Call to Parent/Guardian
- 2nd Offense: Principal's Detention
- 3rd Offense: Principal's Detention
- 4th Offense: In School Suspension
- 5th Offense: In School Suspension
- 6th Offense: Out of School Suspension

Parent Information Sheet

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Best Phone Number for contact: _____ Day Time #: _____

Please include any special needs or medical problems that you feel I should be aware of:

Please indicate whether or not you have internet access at home: _____ YES _____ NO

Please sign below that you have read the above information:

Student: _____

Parent: _____