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Sinaloa Middle School

Ronald Reagan Academy of Communication and Leadership

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COURSE TITLE: SDC-ED 6/7/8 grade

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Hi! I'm Mrs. Baratone and this is my 19th school year at Sinaloa Middle School. I grew up in Simi Valley and am a product of Simi schools. I graduated from California Lutheran University in 2004 with my bachelors degree in exercise science and sports medicine and a masters degree in education in 2007. I have been married to my husband James for 19 years and we have three boys. In my spare time I like to read, craft and watch all kinds of sports. I am really looking forward to a great school year.

Course Outline

I. Course Standards/Objectives

Educational standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each subject in each grade. In California, the State Board of Education decides on the standards for all students, from kindergarten through high school. Information regarding specific standards can be found at www.cde.ca.gov.

II. **Classroom Management and Expectations** - In our school, Sinaloa's **SABER CODE** is the foundation for behavior expectancies on our campus. This Code is meant to be embraced by the entire school by starting each day with a positive attitude to Achieve, Believe, Endure, Respect, and Succeed which covers attitudes toward school safety, respect, and learning. The standards for Citizenship grades and the School discipline policies are included in the Agenda Book.

- In this classroom it is the expectation that all students will be respectful and responsible. That means that each student will be prepared for class with materials and the proper attitude to learn: that each student will be in his/her seat when the bell rings; that proper language, tone and behavior will be evident. **Positive behavior will be rewarded by notes or phone calls home, awards, increased privileges and in class rewards**.

- In this classroom we follow a CHAMPS model. Every situation has a clearly defined set of expectations for Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation, and Success. Your students have a designated area in the classroom to look at when needing clarification for given situations. The class also follows the Simi Valley Unified School District discipline policy: in that before a referral to administration, the student will have had a teacher consequence and parental contact. **Consequences**

are: 1) Verbal warning 2) Students are given a choice 3) Short break to regroup 4) Phone call home 5) Referral to office. The only exceptions will be in the case of total defiance, abusive behavior, physical threats and fighting; then there will be an immediate referral to the Assistant Principal's office.

III. **Grades and Grading** - The student's degree of mastery of the California Common Core Standards and their individual goals and objectives are the critical elements in determining the letter grade in this class. Your student will demonstrate mastery in this class by completing and handing in all assignments, quizzes and tests on time. All assignments will be accepted and given some credit for their completion. **Grades are based on a 100 value point system.**

We will be utilizing **Aeries** in our classroom. All students and parents are expected to have a login and sign in to the website. Computers are available in my classroom and on campus, if needed.

Students in this class must rely on their own talents and abilities to complete academic work at a level in which they take pride. Cheating offenses may include but will not be limited to the following; copying someone else's work, allowing someone to copy your work, cheating on a test or quiz, plagiarizing and or forgery, and submitting work that they received substantial assistance. If any of these situations arise, consequences will include the following; parents contacted, grade of "F" or fail on the assignment, citizenship will be lowered to an "N" for 1st offense in class, second offense will result in a "U" in citizenship. The student will also be referred to the office and the offense will be recorded in the student's file. For more information regarding Academic Dishonesty, please refer to the Agenda Book.

IV. **Communication** - I look forward to working with your child and with your support we can make it a very positive and successful year. If you have any questions you may write or attach notes to the Agenda Book and I will respond in a likewise manner. Once again, I can also be reached at (805) 520-6830 or Casey.Baratone@simivalleyusd.org from 7:45 a.m.-3:30p.m.

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For more information on schoolwide policies and expectations, please review the agenda book, viewable online at sinaloa.simivalleyusd.org.