



CPP MYP Design Tech Department

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Visit us on the Web: www.cppmstech.weebly.com

Name of student: _____

Class Period: _____ DUE: _____

Q: Does my child need anything special for this class?

Students **provide their own pencil AND 3-ring binder** to use as their Design Tech binder. Binders should be 1" thick. Tech binders may be stored in the classroom, but students should take their binder out as needed.

Q: What is IB MYP Design Tech?

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Design Tech units explore how the *Design Cycle* is used by engineers and designers when creating new products and solving technological problems.

Q: How will my child's work be graded?

There are two types of Design Tech assignments and grades:

Formative – Design Cycle Tasks and homework are formative assignments which develop each student's mastery of objectives and usually can be redone within one week. While formative assignments do not contribute to marking period grades, they are excellent indicators of student progress, participation, and engagement.

Summative – These assignments and assessments measure each student's individual mastery of course objectives and solely determine marking period grades. Summative assignments are graded 0 - 8 based on the printed grading criteria found in your child's Design Tech binder. *A comparison to traditional grading: 0 - 2 is failing, 3 is D level work, 4 is C level work, 5 is C+/B- level work, 6 is B level work, 7 is B+/A level work and 8 is A+ level work.*

Q: Where can I learn more about this course? Visit us on the web: www.cppmstech.weebly.com

Q: How can I help my child be successful in Design Tech class?

Review your child's Design Tech binder regularly, follow their grades on-line via the parent portal and frequently check our website for due dates) at www.cppmstech.weebly.com.

Q: As a parent, does my professional background in design and/or engineering provide a unique opportunity?

Indeed it does! We are on the lookout for parents whose professional expertise includes design/engineering and are willing to present their knowledge and experience. *Interested in being a guest speaker? Provide your email address and we will contact you with more info.* _____

Classroom Rules

- Arrive to class on time.
- Be prepared with an organized binder containing a pencil at all times.
- Treat all others with respect.
- Help keep the Design Tech room safe, clean, and well maintained.
- Practice safety when using tools and machines.
- Participate in a positive and rewarding educational experience.

Parent Signature & return to teacher. _____

This letter may also be found at our website: www.cppmstech.weebly.com