

Expectations and Behavior Plan for Crafters Edge Students

Description of Crafters Edge: Crafters Edge was founded in the fall of 1982 by the eighth grade class at Main Street Middle School in Montpelier, Vermont and is presently in its 31st year of operation. Students in the program are responsible for running a business through integrated activities in Family & Consumer Science, Technology Education, Art, Marketing and Business operations include running seven school wide dances a year, production of saleable products, managing a craft fair of 50+ vendors, operating a diner serving breakfast and lunch at the craft fair, and selling products in school.

The focus and design of the Crafters Edge leadership program, is to provide learning opportunities for students in the areas of communication, reasoning and problem solving, personal development and civic and social responsibility aligning with the Common Core and 21st Century Skills. While everyone is working towards meeting the standards, individuals have various responsibilities and perform them in different capacities.

In the late spring of their seventh grade year, students are oriented to the program, complete job applications and are interviewed by the instructors for positions within the company. These positions include: President, Vice President, Financial Managers, Secretary, Advertising Managers, Dance Coordinators, Disc Jockeys, Department Managers, Department Supervisors, Associate Chefs in Family & Consumer Science, and Associates of Product Design and Production in Art.

As students enter their 8th grade year, everyone is excited to get involved. Students celebrate their accomplishments with a class trip and also donate a portion of their proceeds to needy organizations.

Expectations around events that require member participation:

Dates for all Crafters Edge events will be posted by the beginning of the 13-14 school year. Unless it's a family emergency, all students are required to participate in the events/activities listed below, or they will not be allowed to attend the class trip.

Craft Fair: All Crafters Edge students are expected to participate in the Craft Fair. There are different 2 - 3 hour shifts that students may sign up for on Friday, or Saturday of the Craft Fair. Officers are expected to go "above and beyond" during these larger events.

Nov. 16th

Dinner Theater: All students are required to attend both nights of the Dinner Theater & Performance and any extra activities on the weekend/weeknights that their particular job for this event may require. Officers are expected to go "above and beyond" during these larger events. ***End of March (we will have the official date posted soon)***

Dances: All students in the organization will have a duty to work at least 1 of the dances, if not more. Dates for this year's dances are as follows: ***The October dance will be scheduled for the end of the month and the official dance schedule for later dances will be posted shortly***

Consequences for no shows: The Crafters Edge Program can only be successful if all of its members do their part. It is a requirement for students to work at all events sponsored by Crafters Edge, unless there is a family emergency, or a student has made prior arrangements with the CE staff to miss an event. If a parent/guardian doesn't contact one of the three Crafters Edge teachers, in person, or via phone, students will be unable to go on the class trip and the student's grades will also reflect their absence from the the event/activity.

Classroom Expectations for Crafters Edge:

- Respectful language and conversations in class.
- Respect the ideas and opinions of others in Crafters Edge.
- Able to follow directions
- Respect for self & others
- Respect for school property, tools, machines and supplies.
- Maintain integrity of the Crafters Edge program through behavior and actions
- Perform effectively on a team, setting and achieving goals, solving problems, and creating solutions.
- Demonstrates dependability, produces and completes assignments on schedule, selects appropriate tools for the job, shows initiative and dedication.
- Always approaches work/duties in a safe manner and understands that individual actions dictate how safe the working environment is for self and others.

Additional Behavior Requirements for participating in the end of year class trip.

- If more than 3 detentions or one ISS occur, one of the following will occur:
- A meeting will be set-up with the parent, student and CE faculty.
- A phone call will be made to the student/parents by a CE faculty advisor. This phone call or meeting will be to determine if the student can earn their way back into participation in the class trip.
- After their third detention or one ISS, Students will have to work 6 extra hours (dances, craft fair, community service, dinner theater, etc.) to participate in the class trip.
- If a student receives more than 6 detentions, or one ISS they will not be able to participate in the class trip unless a responsible adult accompanies them.
- Passing grades in all classes and Crafters Edge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name Printed: _____