

Sample Norms and Expectations

1. Classroom Sample #1

- Listen carefully to each other
- Show you are listening by looking at the speaker
- Build on each other's ideas (try not to repeat what somebody already said)
- Give evidence for your ideas
- Give people time to think

2. Classroom Sample #2

- Listen to each other and look at the speaker
- Speak loudly enough so everyone can hear
- Everyone needs to participate
- Connect your ideas to others, (explain, add to, respectfully disagree)
- Explain your ideas
- Ask questions when you are confused or can't hear

3. Classroom Sample #3

Student Rights

1. You have the right to make a contribution to an attentive, responsive, audience.
2. You have the right to ask questions.
3. You have the right to be treated respectfully.
4. You have the right to have your ideas discussed, not you.

Student Obligations

1. You are obligated to speak loudly enough for others to hear.
2. You are obligated to listen for understanding.
3. You are obligated to agree or disagree (and explain why) in response to other people's ideas

Mason School Discussions

My responsibilities during discussions

I agree that I will

- Explain my ideas
- Listen to others and show that I am listening
- Ask questions when I am confused or can't hear
- Connect my ideas to others' (explain add to, respectfully disagree)
- Participate because all ideas lead to learning (speak loud and clear)

Signed _____

