

# Computer Science Principles Disclosure 2022-2023

Ms. Morrill

## Course Description

Computer Science Principles is a 1-semester class for 9th graders, and it counts for the digital studies high school credit. This is an **advanced** computer science course where students will learn to solve problems through the development of algorithms and computer programs.

## Prerequisites

Students should have taken either **Creative Coding** or **Exploring Technology** (or both!) in 8<sup>th</sup> grade before taking this course.

## Due Dates / Deadlines

Students can turn in late work without penalty until the deadlines, which will be **midterm** for the first half of the quarter, and the **Friday before the end of the quarter** for the second half. After the deadlines, students will not be able to make up work for credit.

## Tech Lab/Equipment

Students are expected to show appropriate behavior at ALL times while using equipment in the lab. Any deliberate damages will be covered by the student. Inappropriate behavior will result in loss of lab privileges and the assignment of a written activity.

## Cell Phone / Mobile Device Policy

Cell phones and other mobile devices are not to be used in class, unless the teacher gives permission. Ear buds should be out of ears and out of sight. If a student is caught using a device without permission, the device will be moved into "cell phone prison" and the following consequences will be enforced:

- 1st Offense: Device goes to prison until end of period, lose 5 points participation, name added to offenders list
- 2nd Offense: Device goes to prison for the rest of the day; lose 10 points participation, citizenship drops a grade
- 3rd Offense: Device goes to prison and then transfers to attendance office, where the official school cell phone policy will be enforced; lose points and citizenship, parents contacted.
- 4th Offense: Device goes to office again to continue school policy consequences, lose points, citizenship and class technology/activity privileges, administration contacted.

## Grading

•Assignments: 20%

•Assessments: 80%

## Teacher Availability

Ms. Morrill is available from 7:30 - 3:30, Tuesday - Thursday. Any other times by appointment. Students with questions on grades and assignments are asked to come in outside of class, as it is often too busy during class. I am also available during school hours by email. For access to class materials, log in to Canvas at [jsd.instructure.com](https://jsd.instructure.com).