Copy the blank syllabus (double sided) for each student.

Distribute and explain to students that they will fill out the expectations as you go over them. Remind them that doodling, sketching, fancy lettering, and coloring are encouraged!

You may be surprised at how much they REMEMBER from your syllabus & procedures as they activate their brains this way. This way, they will be able to follow your guidelines instead of getting confused about which class has which set of expectations.

Also, they are less likely to lose/trash the paper once they are proud of their work on it. The page will become a handy reference sheet that they are excited to pull out when they have a question about the class.

Use the “ADDITIONAL INFO” box when you explain projects, labs, portfolios, retake policies, etc. that your class may have.
SYLLABUS

Course Content:

Teacher Contact Info:

Expected:

Homework

Quizzes & Tests

Textbook

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Sample

**Course Info**

**Honors Geometry**

0:12 2nd period

Mrs. Danziger...

**Homework**

4 pts. pass. per day

Deductions for late/incomplete/missing work

**Quizzes & Tests**

Quiz: halfway through each chapter

Test: at the end of each chapter

A warm-up may be taken as quiz grade

**Textbook**

None (mix of discovery labs, lab notebook, activities, etc.)

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Or visit our class website for HW, etc.
Benefits:

- Increased focus
- Better retention of material
- Stronger learning ability for new content
- Relaxation, decreased stress levels
- Activates both sides of the brain simultaneously for cross-lateral learning

Read more about HOW and WHY to maximize communication between the two hemispheres of your students' brains on the [blog at mathgiraffe.com](http://blog.mathgiraffe.com)

OR

Watch a [video that shares the research](http://youtu.be/Share Video) behind this method and a few more examples of incorporating color and doodling in your classroom. In the video, I also share a few physical cross-lateral exercises you can try with your class.

Encourage students to use colored pencils to embellish, add notes, and highlight key ideas!

Click the image to check out more doodle notes!