Every student begins the semester with a 100% participation grade. As participation is greatly impacted by attendance, tardiness, and preparation, your initial 100% grade may be reduced for the following during the course of the semester:

- **Tardy**: -2 for each
- **Absence**: -3 for each
- **Gum chewing**: -1 for each class incident
- **Eating food**: -1 for each class incident
- **Speaking English during paired/group activity**: -1 for each class
- **Sleeping**: -1 per incident
- **Cell phone use (texting, checking, etc.)**: -3 for each instance
- **Leaving while class is in session**: -3 for each instance (except for an emergency, as determined by professor)
- **Missing class materials (text, notebook, etc.)**: -2 for each instance.
- **Refusal to participate**: -2 for each instance