



Sage Creek High School
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Course Description:

Psychology is the study of how and why we do the things we do and how our brain works. "Is that all?" You ask. Needless to say the topic is very broad but we'll break it down into nice digestable but challenging chunks. Much of what we will be learning is being discovered "as we speak" so be prepared to keep up with the latest. Come to class everyday ready work hard and handle the work load and material. Be a trend setter, work hard and enjoy the diversity that is the study of Psychology. There is no prerequisite for this course however it is only offered to upper classmen and will move at an upperclassmen pace.

Course Materials:

You are required to get the following items for the course:

1. Dedicated Psychology Folder (3 ring)
2. #2 Pencil/ Pens and colored pens/markers for projects
3. Highlighters
4. Packet of sticky post it notes
5. Psychology Textbook

Grading:

Grades are based on an A-F scale.

1. 60% Exams, quizzes and projects
2. 40% Classwork and Homework

Assessments:

This class will feature assessments in the form of quizzes and tests on a regular interval. We will make every attempt to stick to the assessment schedule but there may be times where there will be adjustments.

I expect from you:

1. Be motivated to take this course but prepared for its level and workload.
2. Be Punctual
3. Be Polite
4. Be prepared

5. Be productive from bell to bell.
6. You are taking all tests, quizzes and projects on their scheduled date. If you are absent the day of an assessment, you will make it up immediately on your arrival.

Social Science department policy is no late work accepted.

The department policy on missed tests and quizzes is to re-take the missed test on the following Late Start Wednesday.

Make Up Policy:

1. Absences- You will be given one day for each day absent to complete all make-up work. After that, the assignments are considered late and will be a zero. You are responsible to contact the instructor for any missed work.
2. Tests- Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating in class on a test or assignment will be given an F on the test or assignment, and follow the progressive Sage Creek High School Discipline policy. All large projects will be accepted but will lose 10% per school day late during trimesters.
3. *Assignments- Written assignments such as papers that are FRQ's may be submitted to turnitin.com for review and plagiarism check. If papers contain plagiarism, they will be given a zero. All assignments submitted must be in hard copy form and not digital.

Citizenship Grades

Please refer to the Sage Creek High School web site for citizenship grade guidelines.

Technology

You will be encouraged to use a wide variety of technology if you have access. This includes the use of online psychology sources, twitter, school loop, podcasts etc.

Students will be given opportunities within the class period to earn points on various assignments that will be in the grade book. Those opportunities may be for in class assignments or tasks that we will be working on.

*Phones- Students are not allowed to use their phones in class. During class time they will be collected and given back at the end of the period. If a student is using their phone in class without permission, the following may occur: 1st offense- Teacher will have student put phone in phone box for the period. 2nd offense- Teacher will have phone sent to office to pick up at the end of the school day and parent will be notified. Continued defiance will result in referral and/or detention.

*Food- Eating is not permitted in the classroom. Drinks are not allowed except water with a bottle or cap or lid. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action.

*Work Habits – Students must be doing the following in all classes bell to bell. You will participate in all class discussions and lectures as well as following school and class procedures. Students may not earn them when they break class policy i.e. using phones in class, eating in class, appearing to be asleep or not productive as well as habitually partaking in said behaviors. Students breaking school rules will be notified and followed up with administration. Please refer to the student handbook for school wide details.

Instructor reserves the right to make any changes to the syllabus during the course but may inform students of any changes. All school rules apply in addition to the classroom rules.

(Please cut and give back to instructor)

I have read and understand the syllabus for this course and agree to its terms.

Student Name (Print)

Parent Name (Print)

Student Signature

Parent Signature