

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Welcome to Psychology. Psychology is a social science, and therefore, we will cover a variety of content related to the mind, body and human behavior throughout this course. Although this class is an elective, the content is challenging and is important to your transcript and graduation credits. As high school students, your best effort is expected.

Materials: You must have a notebook. However, it is recommended that you use a three-ring binder as there is a final exam in this class.

Grade Policy: Grades for this course are WEIGHTED. Based on scale of 100, a quarter grade is comprised of five parts. Study/review the class material regularly (see the grading example below):

Tests	35%
Quizzes	25%
Projects	20%
Classwork	15%
HW/Part.	5%
Quarter Grade	100%

Projects & Papers:

At least one project/paper will be assigned every quarter.

Tests & Quizzes:

All students are expected to in class on test and quiz days. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to arrange to make up the test with in **two days**.

In addition, students are expected to complete reading assignments and participate in class. To ensure reading assignments are completed and students are paying attention, quizzes will be given periodically and sometimes without warning.

Classwork: Completion of all classwork assignments is expected for this class. ATB's are considered participation, and are averaged into your grade. ATB's may be collected and graded at random based on content. Be prepared with a completed ATB daily.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

Late for Class/Tardy: All students are expected to be at their desks before the bell rings for class to begin. Tardiness will result in detention.

Food and Drinks: Don't bring them to room 126.

Electronic Devices & Headphones: In accordance with school policy, cell phones are to be turned off and kept in your locker. If a cell phone is visible during class, an office referral will be sent to the main office.

Preparation for Class: Bring with you everything that is needed for class. This includes a dress code approved sweater/sweatshirt. Lockers passes will not be issued.

Attendance: All students are expected to be present for every class. Students are responsible for any missed handouts, notes, assignments, or announcements when absent from class. Athletics and extracurricular activities under no circumstances take precedence over class, tests, or homework.

******Frequent unexcused absences may result in credit denial.******

Movies and Films: Throughout the semester various forms of video and photo media will be used to supplement the course. Video clips include speeches, debates, news segments, and icons of popular culture. In most cases, only psychologically relevant segments of the films will be viewed in class. Most scenes are edited for content. However, some scenes (although psychologically relevant) may have content and themes of a mature nature. If you have any questions, concerns, or objections please email me at ldebelak@pmsd.org. I can also be reached via phone at 839-7121 (x81400).

Student Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent Email (appreciated but optional): _____

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