

Psychology

“Everyone can succeed in this class”

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Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. We will be studying fascinating topics such as the history of psychology, psychological research methods and statistics, infancy and childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age, body and behavior, altered states of consciousness, sensation and perception, learning, memory and thought, thinking and language, and motivation and emotion.

Class Rules: I have 3 broad rules; Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Your Environment.

Respect Yourself by coming to class on time, being prepared, and ready to learn. You will not be allowed to go to your locker to get materials you forgot. You will be in your assigned seat when the bell rings. Talking will stop when the bell rings. Do the best that you can on your assignments and tests. Cheating is not allowed and will result in a zero. You may work with your group on assignments but you may not just copy someone else's paper. Doing so will result in zeros for both participants. Time given during class to work on assignments is not optional. You will work on your assignment. You will not work on assignments from other classes unless you have already finished your psychology assignment. Do your own work! Don't plagiarize from the internet or any other source. Do not miss more than 7 days per semester or you will lose credit and fall behind in your work. Do not wear inappropriate t-shirts or belly shirts. You will be asked to change.

Respect Others by not talking when others are talking, not making derogatory comments toward or about other students or the faculty. No swearing! Do not leave the classroom without permission from the teacher. Go only to where you have been given permission. We have a lot to learn this year in psychology. If you are repeatedly tardy or noisy, we will not be able to get to as many fun activities. My tardy policy is: 1st-freebie, 2nd-10 minutes at lunch, 3rd-entire lunch and a letter home. Tardies 4-7 will be referred to the office as disruptive classroom behavior. If you are more than 10 minutes late, you are absent. Do not bring your cell phones to class. If I see you using one in class, I will confiscate it and turn it in to the office.

Respect Your Environment. Respect your school environment. Gum, candy, and soda pop are not to be brought into the classroom. My desk, cupboards, shelves, and demonstration materials are not to be touched by students without permission. Pick up after yourself. Do not write on desks etc.

Lectures, assignments, tests, and quizzes

You will be expected to take notes every day. Your notebook will be turned in quarterly for a grade, so don't throw away your notes! During tests, there will be no talking until everyone is finished. If you do so, it will result in a 5 point penalty. Groups

will be changed after each test. You are expected to work and study with your group during class time. You will be required to do a research project, of your choice, primarily outside of class time.

All assignments must be turned in when they are due. If you are absent, you will have the same number of days that you were absent to turn in an assignment or make up a test. There will be projects that will need to be completed out of class.

Extra Credit opportunities will be available throughout the semester. However, do not expect to be able to significantly raise your grade on the last day of the semester.

Grades will be awarded to students based on their total points earned on assignments, notebooks, tests, quizzes, and extra credit; divided by the total points possible as follows:

92-100% A
90-91% A-
87-89% B+
83-86% B
80-82% B-
77-79% C+
73-76% C
70-72% C-
67-69% D+
63-66% D
60-62% D-
Below 60% F

Dear Parents-

Please read these rules and sign below. Experts have found that students who have parents involved in their education are more successful at school. If you have any experiences, hobbies, knowledge etc. that would be applicable to psychology and you are willing to share, please list them below. Also, include a number where I may contact you. If you know of anyone in your family or the community that would be a valuable resource, please let me know about them also. Thank You! Becky Crossley

Parent signature: _____

Email address: _____