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2023-2024 COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Course Name:	AP Psychology
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Course Overview:
 The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. Students will complete Independent research, formal term papers and extensive summer work. Students are expected to take the AP Psychology examination in May. All students who enroll in an AP course are expected to take the AP exam in order to have AP status reflected on their transcript and to receive Level 5 AP credit.

Vision of the Successful Student And Core Competencies:
 The successful student will:

- Act as psychologists to interpret various experiments and research Demonstrate an expansive knowledge of major research and issues in psychology
- Participate in class discussions, psychological debates, and simulations
- Learn the basic skills and application of psychological concepts and research
- Complete Free Response Questions accurately by using psychological experiments, research, and vocabulary
- Prepare for and receive a grade of a 4 or 5 on the AP Psychology Exam

Materials and Resources to Support Student Learning: The reading for this course is extensive and correlates to the challenge of taking a college leveled course. We use the textbook Myers' Psychology for AP but also add a variety of supplemental readings from sources such as *Forty Studies that Changed Psychology* and *Opening Skinner's Box*. There are a number of resources available to help students study and students are encouraged to purchase an AP review guide. Some suggestions include:

- 5 Steps to a 5 AP Psychology by Laura Lincoln Maitland and Rochelle Solomon-Battersby
- Cracking the AP Psychology Exam by The Princeton Review
- Barron's AP Psychology by Allyson J. Weseley and Robert McEntarffer.

Also there are a variety of apps available on digital devices that can be helpful, such as:

- AP Psychology Exam Prep
- AP Psychology Prep: Practice Tests and Flashcards
- Psych Mnemonics - Memory Tools for Your Psych Test
- Test Prep for AP Psychology, GRE, EPPP and NCLEX Exams

Evidence of Student Learning:		
Assessments	80%	<p>Might include activities that allow students to demonstrate mastery and application of taught concepts and skills such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance tasks ● Quizzes or tests ● DQBs/FRQs ● Debates, presentations or speeches ● Student products including: websites, podcasts, slideshows, etc. ● Essays or other writing tasks ● Research tasks ● Source analysis
Learner Tasks	20%	<p>Might include opportunities to practice skills and demonstrate growth such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflections and learning logs ● Homework ● Class notebooks ● Feedback to peers ● Other class specific practices/tasks

Late Work Policy: Late work in the “learner task” category will not be accepted for credit unless there is an excused absence. Late work in the “assessments” category may be accepted but will be subject to a reduced grade. In the event a student is absent from class, it is the student’s responsibility to talk with the teacher to find out what was missed and complete the work as soon as possible.

Academic integrity violations will result in a grade of “0” and a disciplinary referral.