



AP Psychology Syllabus

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| Department: Social Studies School Year: 2013-2014 Course: AP Psychology Grade Level: 11-12 Required Materials: Notebook, writing utensil, Notecards, Internet Access | | Course Resources: Meyers, David (2010) <i>Myer's Psychology for AP</i> Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for this course, however "Psychology" is strongly recommended. | | |
| Course Description: AP Psychology is the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Ethics and methods psychologists use in scientific practice will be discussed. With in-depth coverage of psychological facts, principles, and phenomenon, this course is designed to prepare students for the AP Psychology test in May. | | | | |
| Units Covered: Psychology's History and Approaches, Research Methods, Biological Bases of Behavior, Sensation and Perception, States of Consciousness, Learning, Cognition, Motivation and Emotion, Developmental Psychology, Personality, Testing and Individual Differences, Abnormal Psychology, Treatment of Psychological Disorders, Social Psychology | | | | |
| Summative Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizzes • Tests (Free Response and Multiple Choice) | | Formative Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily notes • PsychSims • Transfer activities • Vocabulary notecards • Writing assignments • Participation | | |
| Courses at BDHS run in a flexible schedule format. See selection to right for this course's format: | <u>One-Term 90</u> <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Two-Term 90</u> <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>All-Year 45</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>Other</u> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School-wide Grading Procedures: Assessments 85% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative 30% (of assessment grade) 25% of overall grade • Summative 70% (of assessment grade) 60% of overall grade Cumulative Final 15% 15% of overall grade | | | | |
| <u>Summative Assessments:</u> Our goal is to assess what the students have learned from what we have taught. Summative assessments reflect the format and content of the formative learning opportunities. Unit exams will mirror the AP test. Each unit exam will be times similarly to the AP exam at the end of the year so students will be familiar with the pace at which they should complete these assessments. On the day of each unit exam, unit notecards and notes must be complete and will be | | | | |

“graded.”

Formative Assessments:

There will be homework assignments and “Transfer Activities” in each unit.

Make-up Policy for Summative Assessment: The student may redo the summative assessment one time within one week after completing all formative tasks, and necessary additional learning.

Each student must have all unit work complete, including notes and notecards, to be able to re-take a test on the designated day. Students retaking assessments must have the test retake form completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

Cumulative Final: At the end of the semester, there will be a cumulative final exam. Students will not be allowed to retake this assessment. This will comprise 15% of the semester grade.

School-wide Grading Scale:

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| A+ | 98-100 | C+ | 77-79 |
| A | 93-97 | C | 73-76 |
| A- | 90-92 | C- | 70-72 |
| B+ | 87-89 | D+ | 67-69 |
| B | 83-86 | D | 63-66 |
| B- | 80-82 | D- | 60-62 |

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