**Psychology**

Class Expectations and Practices

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**Course Overview**

This course will serve as an introduction and overview of the study of Psychology. Each unit will follow the below guiding questions. As we explore Psychology you’ll be challenged to find your own answers to these questions:

*How do humans think?*

*What is personality?*

*How do psychologists define, identify and study abnormal behavior?*

**Grading Policy**:

Grades and assignments will be posted regularly on Infinite Campus. Assignments will also be posted on the course website. Your grade will be based on the following:

Assessments (projects, essays, tests, quizzes) ……..45%

Assignments (homework and classwork)……………..20%

Psychology Journal……………………………………...20%

Class participation and preparation ……………………15%

**Late Work**

Assignments and due dates will be posted on the class wikispace and on the dry erase board in the classroom. To make sure that you are staying up-to-date with the class, it is essential that you complete assignments for the day that they are due. I will accept late homework for only one class past the due date and it will receive partial (70%) credit. Project and paper grades will drop one full grade for each class past the due date until reaching a maximum grade of 70. I will only consider exceptions to this policy if you check with me *before* the due date.

**Turning in Work**

It is expected that work will be turned in at the beginning of the class on the due date, unless otherwise announced. If you are choosing to submit work electronically, I recommend doing it ahead of time. If you email it but I have not received it (for whatever reason) by the due date, it will be counted late. Things get lost in cyberspace – email at your own risk. If you are using a USB flash drive, find me before class to turn this in. Save documents in a .doc or .rtf format. Save presentations in a .ppt or Keynote format. You can also “share” work with me through Google.Docs. **If I can't open it, it's late!**

**Absences**

If you have an excused absence from class, it is your responsibility to contact me (beforehand, if possible) about missed work. Please write “absent” on the top of any homework you turn in after missing class so that I know it is on time. If you miss a test or quiz, you should plan on taking it within a week of returning to school. If you are absent when a project or paper is due, you need to bring it in to the next class or you will start to lose one grade per class day.

**Academic Honesty**:

Everything you pass in must be your own original work. If you cheat, you will receive **no credit** for that work. Plagiarism – anything from cutting and pasting from a website to failing to cite your sources – is included in this. We will talk about proper ways to cite your sources later in the semester. Please review the section on academic integrity in your Student Handbook.

**Take pride in your work**:

You should be proud of the work that you produce. For any piece of work that is turned in to me, I expect that it be typed (or legibly handwritten), free of spelling errors, and written in full sentences. If I feel that your work is not up to this standard, it will not receive full credit until you fix it.

**Classroom expectations**:

In addition to following all school and district policies, I will ask that you:

* Be prompt (on time at the start of class)
* Be prepared (bring the required materials and assignments)
* Be a positive participant (be an active learner and willing to engage with your classmates)

**Materials you need:**

* Pencil or pen (blue or black ink please)
* Your MacBook
* A 3-ring binder or folder that you use *solely* for this course. You will receive readings and notes from a variety of sources. You will be expected to keep all materials for the duration of the course.

**Electronics**

MP3 players should be put away during class unless I have given you permission to use them (such as during individual work time) – this includes wearing ear buds. MP3 players with online access will not be allowed during tests and quizzes. I won’t use my cell phone during class and I expect you won’t either. If this becomes an issue, I will collect these items from you.

**Accessories**

You can wear hats in this class. My one stipulation is that I be able to see your eyes. Backpacks, however, should not be brought to class.

**Finally…**

My goal is not to bury you with school work. On the work that I do ask you to do, I expect that you give it some meaningful thought. I want to challenge you to create and examine your own ideas. *The things we will study in this course are worth thinking about.*

**Class Contract**

**Student:**

I have read the above information and I understand and agree to meet the class standards.

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Print name Signature Date

**Parent/guardian**: Feel free to contact me throughout the semester with any questions you may have. I am best reached via email at dlambek@rsu14.org

What is the best way to contact you?

1. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above information and am clear on the expectations for my student.

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