

Gulf Breeze High School
Study Skills/Reading

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Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide students with new techniques to develop, improve and enhance their current study and reading skills. Assignments from current classes will be used to promote better skills in the students' classes. Time for homework/projects will be set aside weekly. The objectives for this class include: creating and utilizing a calendar/agenda as a learning and time management tool, note taking techniques, improving reading and listening skills, perfecting comparison and proofreading skills.

Materials:

- Folder/Binder/Notebook (choose your organization system)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Pens/Pencils

Grading:

- Major grades (essays, embedded assignments, unit tests).
- Daily Grades (homework, quizzes, and weekly articles).
 - Grades are calculated using total points and averaged.
 - All major assignments will come with a study guide and/or rubric when assigned.

Make-up work:

There are many fun events throughout the school year, especially if you are involved in athletes, drama, ROTC, band, etc. At times, this may require you to miss class. If you know you will be out, please see me ahead of time to get your work. ALL make-up work is your responsibility. Please do not fall behind because you do not complete make-up work. The make-up work timeline policy is outlined in the student code of conduct and will be followed with no exceptions.

Late work:

I will not be accepting late work for daily grades (homework, quizzes, weekly articles). If you do not have it on the day it is due, it will be counted as a zero. Major grades, including essays will be accepted one day late for half credit.

Extra credit:

There will be NO extra credit offered in this class. You will not be able to make up any missing work at the last minute. However, I will drop your lowest daily grade at the end of the nine weeks (not tests, essays, or quizzes). Please keep up with your grades on a daily basis by checking GradeLine and discuss any class discrepancies with me immediately.

Cell phones:

Please do not use your cell phone in class unless I give you permission- the sign on the board will indicate if you can have it out. Please keep your phone on silent. If you are using it while I am lecturing, reading, or holding a class discussion, you will be asked to place your phone on my desk for the class period. You should not be using it while you are supposed to be working in class. If it becomes a distraction, you will receive a discipline referral.

Tardies:

We will follow the GBHS tardy policy.

- 1st tardy- warning
- 2nd tardy- written notation in GradeBook
- 3rd tardy- referral
- Each additional tardy beyond the 3rd will also result in a referral.

In-class passes:

You must have a classroom pass to leave the classroom. Only one student at a time will be allowed to leave, unless otherwise indicated. If you abuse this privilege, it will be taken away. Please do not ask to go to your locker- make sure you have everything you need for class **before** the bell rings.

Extra help/make-up tests:

I am available before school most mornings. Please see me for a pass the day before you want to come. I will make arrangements to work with you if you make the effort. This includes if you need access to a computer/printer- I can open a lab for you to work in.

Rules:

Be kind to each other and yourself. Follow directions the first time. If you disagree with me about something, please come to me after class and we can discuss it. Come to class with an open mind to learn, collaborate, and listen.

Please sign and return the form on the next page.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN.

I have read and understand the contents of Mrs. Denmon's Syllabus and the student handbook and Code of Conduct. I will adhere to the rules and policies described therein.

Student Name (printed)

Parent Name (printed)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Class Period: _____

My student may watch school-class related PG and/or PG 13 Videos that pertain to the curriculum of this class.

YES

NO