

Course Syllabus: AVID 2

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Course Description:

Students will learn and practice tools that will help them be successful in a rigorous college preparatory course of study throughout their junior and senior years of high school. Students will continue to use these tools to succeed and excel in their postsecondary education. The course will center on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading. Students will be required to have an organized binder, take notes, and participate in biweekly tutorials. Students will also benefit from college and career study throughout the year.

Major Aspects of the Course:

- *Cornell Notes and Organization:* Students will learn how to keep their binders and notes organized and how to better keep up with their assignments. Students will also learn more about time management and how to use their time wisely.
- *Tutorials:* Every Tuesday and Thursday will be tutorial days. Students will need to come to class with their Tutorial Request Forms completed. Later in the semester college tutors will be available to aid in the tutorial process. This will not be a study hall day.
- *Binder Checks:* Friday will be Binder Check day. Students should have all papers/ notes in the appropriate sections and their binder ready to be checked at the beginning of class each Friday. Agenda/Binder checks will be EVERY Friday.
- *College and Career Study:* Throughout the year, students will learn about the different college and career options available for them. Students will learn which careers and/or colleges will best fit their goals and personalities as well as the requirements for their chosen college and career.
- *Student Contract:* It is also required that each student and parent sign a contract committing to the AVID program. Students that do not maintain the terms of the contract will be placed on probation in the AVID program and parents will be contacted to schedule a conference.
- *Community Service:* A major focus of AVID II is community service. We will discuss this subject in great detail. We will also have many opportunities throughout the year to put what we learn into action.

Materials Required for Class:

Please bring the followed with you to class every day:

- ❖ At least 2 pencils
- ❖ At least 3 pens (multiple colors)
- ❖ At least 3 colors (multiple colors)
- ❖ Pencil/supply pouch
- ❖ Agenda
- ❖ Sticky Notes
- ❖ 3 Subject College Ruled notebook

Grading Policy:

Binder Checks (15%)

Binder checks will happen every Friday in AVID. The teacher will be looking for 20 pages of Cornell Notes a week. Also, students must have all assignments listed and their binder in order.

Tutorials: (30%)

Students have tutorials Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The tutorial request form, participation in tutorials, and a summary of their learning make up this portion of their grade.

Projects/Papers (25%)

Papers such as "My Life Goals" essay and the college and career study will be major grades as projects and papers. Other projects may include service, and tests, speeches, and interviews.

Daily Grades (30%)

Daily grades consist of any minor assignment done in class or minor homework assignments. For instance, Socratic seminars, philosophical chairs, team building activities, notes taken on speakers, or units, and progress report grades would all fall in this category.

Credit will not be given for late binders or tutorials. TRFs will not be accepted late. You may only make up one TRF 0. Bellwork and classwork will not be accepted late. Late projects/papers will receive a deduction of 10 points per day.

Grading Scale:

A: 90 - 100 B: 80 - 89 C: 70 - 79 D: 60 - 69 F: 59 and below

Absences:

The school policy states that you may not miss more than 4 days per quarter. You are responsible for checking to see what you missed and making sure that you are caught up. **Do not** come to me during class time and ask what you missed. Either ask a classmate or speak to me during SPARTAN Success.

Late Work Policy:

- All assignments are to be submitted on the date designated by the teacher.
- Late work must be turned in by the Friday subsequent to attending SPARTAN Success.

Essay Guidelines:

All rough drafts and final papers are to be typed, double-spaced, and left-justified on standard letter-size paper (8 ½ x 11) with 1" margins all around. Essays must be shared with me via Google Drive (so that I can check formatting) AND printed out. **I will not grade electronic copies. Your grade on an essay will remain a 0 until a paper copy is turned in.**

Please return to Miss Joschak.

Parent/Guardian

My student has reviewed this syllabus with me and I agree to support my student as he/she works hard to be successful in the AVID elective class and to support Miss Joschak in implementing the policies and procedures as outlined in this document.

Signature

Date

Student

As the student I have reviewed this syllabus and agree to work my hardest to be successful and achieve my goals I will outline for myself. I will also support Miss Joschak in implementing the policies and procedures outlined in this document.

Signature

Date

Teacher

As the teacher I have reviewed this syllabus and agree to work hard and communicate with students and parents to ensure success in the AVID elective for all students.

Signature

Date