



Reynolds High School

Strategies for Success 9-10

Building Relationships for Academic Success

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Required Textbooks/Materials: There is no required textbook for this course. Students should bring their **Chromebook, binder, writing utensil, paper, and any assignments/projects/study material from other classes** in order to receive support.

Course Description: This course provides whole group and small group instruction for students in the areas of study skills, organization, and self-advocacy. Students will receive instructional support and strategies to be successful in classes as well as how to navigate real-world experiences. Small-group or individual instruction is provided, as needed, to increase students' academic skills. Students will have the opportunity to practice the skills and strategies they learn in class on work for their other classes. Students will work with the instructor to strengthen their skills in the areas of self-advocacy, organization, and academic growth.

Course Requirements: Students should come to class prepared to participate in respectful and meaningful group discussions regarding real world issues and situations, engage in class activities and be prepared to work on assignments, projects or study material from other classes. Students are also encouraged to bring an independent level reading book.

Grading Policy Description:

POWER/Participation: (Class attendance, active participation, engagement in activities, etc.) = **50%**

Classwork: (Completion of in class activities, assignments, projects etc.) = **40%**

Mastery: (Final unit discussions/tests/quizzes etc.) = **10%**

***There will be **NO homework assigned**, only potential homework is UNFINISHED classwork or MISSING classwork ***

Grade Percentage	Letter Grade	Description
100% - 90%	A	The student fully understands the content and the course objectives have been mastered.
89% - 80%	B	The student understands the content and course objectives at an above average level.
79% - 70%	C	The student understands the course content and course objectives at an average level.
69% - 60%	D	The student understands the course content at a below average level and a minimum of course objectives are met.
59% - 0%	F	The student has not met a sufficient number of course objectives to pass a minimum level and receives no credit.

This course will count as elective credit towards graduation. 60% is a minimum passing course grade.

Class Expectations:

1. Respect all others during class times, which includes other students, staff, and self. This means using polite and **respectful language** when talking to others and using **active listening** when others are talking to you, the teacher, or groups. It also means not engaging in any language or behavior which has a negative effect on others within the classroom.
2. Do your best. This means continuing to ask yourself if you're doing the best you can, given the situation. Do your best to be **punctual**. Do your best to be **organized**. Do your best to be **engaged and present**.
3. Challenge yourself and have fun. This means not being afraid to try something hard or participate in something that may normally make you uncomfortable. It also means trying to have a **positive attitude**.
4. **PHONES OFF TO THE SIDE** during instruction times. Please try to limit distractions in your environment so you are fully "present" during class.
5. Be **OPEN and HONEST**. You will be asked to participate in both social and academic activities and discussions during every period. Please be honest with both you teacher and yourself. Be open and willing to ask for and accept help from others. Growth comes from open and honest reflections and advocating for your needs.

Classroom Rules (Student Generated):

- No putdowns
- Respect one another
- Raise your hand and wait for your turn during classroom discussion
- No phones during classroom discussion

Additional Information:

Phones: Please limit your use of your phone. They should be silenced and should not distract you or others during class time. Limited, quiet use (no phone calls, no music or other sounds) during class time is permitted - if you follow these basic expectations. Music is permitted with earphones during individual student work time.

Bathroom/Drink: If you need to use the restroom or get a drink, please utilize your RHS student planner so Mr. Webb can write you a pass.

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