

New Student Assignment

The “NSA”

2024/2025



This assignment will give you a challenging introduction to independent studies, engage your varied interests, and give you elective credit. It will additionally help the staff to get to know you and your academic abilities and help you get to know what 20 hours of independent study schoolwork feels like. 20 hours per week is the minimum that we accept. Students in the comprehensive schools do 30 hours a week at school and then homework.

Completing this NSA will earn you 1.3 credits (20 hours). You will be assigned this work at your registration appointment. The teacher doing your registration appointment will be your “Homeroom Teacher” for the rest of the year. If you are starting at the beginning of the school year, then during your registration appointment on August 14, 15, or 16, your intake/Homeroom Teacher will give you a one-week due date which will be on August 21, 22, or 23. If this assignment is not fully completed by your due date and time, then you will not be in good standing at VOS. If you are starting after August, then you need to complete this assignment in 5 school days on the day your Homeroom Teacher tells you.

Make note of your Homeroom Teacher’s email address. You will be turning in all your work for this course to them through Google Drive. Make a folder titled “NSA”.

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Here is a link to [the grading rubric](#) for this assignment.

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part A → Contracts

	Title of Assignment	Teacher Designated Time	Brief Description
1	Honor Code CONTRACT, Parts 1 & 2	2 hour	type a reflection about <i>Honor</i> and include your notes; agree to a list of policies
2	Planning for Success CONTRACT, Parts 1 & 2	1.5 hour	Read about VOS parental responsibilities and make a weekly schedule
3	Community Service Contract and Introduction	1.5 hours	Please join Ms. Leland's google classroom (CODE: 6h4coq6)
total time = 5 hours			

part B

4	About Valley Oaks School	1.5 hours	22 short-answer questions on our Handbook , a 12 question quiz, & 3 pages of reading
5	Time Management	1 hour	type 3 paragraphs on Time Management
6	How to Be Successful	1 hour	type 3 paragraphs on 3 success traits
7	Interview	2 hours	type 10 interview questions, conduct the interview, & type a one-page report on it
8	Who am I?	1.5 hours	Create a digital collage that represents your interests and personality.
total time = 7 hours			

part C - School Year Portfolio

9	Groundwork for Building Your School Year Portfolio	8 hours	Complete 3 documents and then take 4 pages of research notes. Note: We will have assemblies and tutorial times twice each semester to help you decide upon and use a fun platform to make your
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			portfolio. A new Portfolio is required every new school year.
total time = 8 hours			

Hello Seniors:

If the plan is to graduate before Open House, seniors need to complete their portfolio and set up a 15min. presentation of their portfolio to staff at a staff meeting (*some time between 10:30-11:30 on a Tuesday*).