

PSYCHOLOGY 1 - Ms. SITKIN

COURSE EMPHASIS

Welcome to Psychology 1. I look forward to your success! This year we will study about the mind and behavior. The major units will be an Introduction to Psychology, the Brain and Behavior, Sensation, and Perception, States of Consciousness, Learning and Memory, and Mental Health. Special attention will be paid to include multiple perspectives and to provide opportunities to make connections between the content and our own life experiences. Due to the global pandemic, units may be adjusted to accommodate our changing schedule and circumstances.

EXPECTATIONS

You can expect the following from me:

1. I will be respectful, friendly, and enthusiastic!
2. I will not miss class unless I am sick, have an exceptional situation, or am on school business.
3. I will make myself available to you for extra help during student support and office hours.
4. I will grade your work promptly and update grades regularly online.
5. I will do my best to clearly communicate assignments and due dates using Google Classroom.
6. I will do my best to make each class period meaningful and interesting.

In return, I expect the following from you:

1. You will come to class on time and prepared for each virtual class session.
2. You will be respectful to me and all students in the class.
3. You will turn your camera on with your name displayed during class (please contact me if you have a concern).
4. You will participate in class discussions and activities.
5. You will notify me in advance if you are going to miss class.
6. You will keep track of your assignments on Google Classroom and check email regularly.
7. You will be honest that the work you complete will be your own and not copied from another student or website.

GRADING POLICY

1. Your grade will be determined from the following: completion of assignments, assessments, attendance, and participation.
2. Letter grades will be determined by a point system. Grades will be based on your percentage of total possible points. The grading scale will be as follows: A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69
3. Cheating, plagiarism, and dishonesty will not be tolerated. Offenders will not receive credit for the assignment in question, and can expect a call home as well as a referral.
4. Grades will be available online for students and parents/guardians to check on a regular basis.
5. When you turn in work late, you will receive half credit for the assignment.

PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE

- Each day virtual class is held, students will receive a class participation grade.
- This grade will be based on the student's on time arrival to class and level of engagement during the class period.
- While it is unreasonable to expect every student to speak in class every day, the classroom is a much better learning environment when students are actively involved. The best way to do this is to participate in discussions and activities, listen carefully to the teacher and to classmates, and ask relevant questions. I will be encouraging participation in both large and small group discussions.
- Attendance, which includes punctuality, is essential to your success in this course. Good attendance ensures minimal disruptions to your learning and that of others.