

Barron Area Schools Psychology Maroon Standards

Unit: Methods/Scientific Inquiry

Topic: Introduction to Psychology

Identify and explore Myers-Briggs personality types and how they impact working in groups.

Share a self assessment and reflection with others.

Describe the range of topics that are covered in this course.

Cite the goals and scientific basis of psychology.

Explain the trends in the history of psychology.

Identify the approaches to the study of psychology.

Summarize the careers and special fields in psychology.

Topic: Research Methods

Describe the process of psychological research.

Analyze the different types of psychological research.

Examine experimental procedures used to avoid bias.

Unit: Lifespan Development

Topic: Infancy and Childhood

Describe the physical perceptual development of newborns and children.

Discuss the development of language.

Summarize the cognitive-development theory.

Discuss how children develop emotionally.

Describe theories of social development.

Outline Kohlberg's stages of moral reasoning.

Topic: Adolescence

Describe the physical, cognitive, and ideological changes that characterize adolescence.

Describe research related to the sexual attitudes and roles of adolescence.

Outline the process by which adolescents find a personal identity.

Describe the role of family and peers during adolescence.

Describe the difference between gender identity and gender role.

Describe gender differences in personality and cognitive abilities.

Topic: Adulthood and Old Age

Describe the physical, social, and emotional changes that occur during adulthood.

Identify changes that occur during old age.

Summarize how people physically, mentally, and socially adjust to old age.

Identify the stages of dying.

Describe the services of hospice.

Analyze your own personal lifeline with past, present and predictions of your future.

Unit: Biopsychological

Topic: Body and Behavior

Describe the parts and functions of the nervous system.

Identify the structure and function of the human brain and the ways to study the brain.

Give examples of the effects of heredity and environment on behavior.

Topic: Sensation and Perception

Define and discuss threshold, Weber's Law, and signal detection.

Describe the nature and functioning of the sense organs.

Outline the principles involved in perception.

Describe how we learn to perceive and what illusions are.

Topic: Motivation and Emotion

Describe the four theories of motivation.

Discuss the difference between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.

Explain Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Give examples of psychological theories of emotion.

Unit: Cognitive

Topic: States of Consciousness

Describe the research related to sleep and dreams.

List and discuss sleep disorders.

Describe research into hypnosis, biofeedback and meditation.

Topic: Learning

Describe the principles of classical conditioning and outline the techniques of classical conditioning.

Outline the principles of operant conditioning and describe the applications of operant conditioning.

Cite the principles involved in cognitive learning, modeling, and behavior modification.

Topic: Memory or Thought

Explain the three processes of memory and describe the information-processing model of memory.

Identify several memory retrieval processes and explain the processes involved in forgetting.

Topic: Thinking and Language

Identify the units of thought and kinds of thinking.

Explain strategies for and obstacles to problem solving.

Explain the structure of language and describe how children learn language.

Unit: Sociocultural

Topic: Psychological Testing

Identify three ways of measuring reliability

Explain various views of intelligence and identify two kinds of IQ tests.

Explain the application of aptitude tests, achievement tests, and interest tests.

Identify widely used personality tests and describe the use of personality tests.

Topic: Personality

Describe the major purposes of personality theories.

Explore personality theories.

Topic: Psychological Disorders and Treatment

Define psychological disorders.

Distinguish between the concept of normality and abnormality.

Identify the behavior patterns of anxiety disorders and explain the causes of anxiety disorders.

Analyzes the factors associated with dissociative disorders.

Describe schizophrenia and the theories to explain mood disorders.

Differentiate personality and psychological disorders.

Explain psychotherapy and the role of a therapist.

Explore the goals of therapy, behavior change, and examples of treatment medicine/effects.