

## **AP PSYCHOLOGY - 2107350**

Grade 10 – 12, Credit 1.0

**Prerequisite: Score of 3 or higher on the ELA/FSA, and/or prior approval by the acting Department Chair**

AP Psychology is designed for students who wish to experience a college-level introductory course in psychology, and prepare for the rigorous AP Psychology exam. It is designed to replace Introduction to Psychology in a student's freshmen year in college, and student's study habits should reflect this fact. Students who chose this course should do so with the understanding that only self-motivated, dedicated, serious students will be successful. The main objective in teaching this course is to prepare students to score at least a 3 on the AP Exam offered by the College Board in May.

Students will be exposed to many fields of interest in psychology. Topics covered will be the History of Psychology, Personality Development, Altered States of Consciousness (sleep, dreams, and hypnosis), Learning, Memory, Abnormal Behavior, Biological Basis of Behavior, Motivation, Sensation, Perception, Health Psychology and Social Psychology. Students are expected to develop their critical thinking while building their reading, writing and discussion skills.