Study Skills 7

Course Outline

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Our Goal

In 7th grade Study Skills students will work on developing studentship skills and independent learning strategies. Students will learn how to advocate for themselves and apply all of these skills in their courses.

Course Skills

Throughout the year, we will focus on the following areas:

- **Homework planning and completion**
- **Note taking methods**
- **Organization skills**
- **Learning strategies**
- **Non-fiction reading**
- **Test taking approaches**
- **Time management**

Materials

Students should have all of the following materials in class each day.

- Homework Planner
  - Homework for all classes will be written in each student's planner daily.
  - Advanced notice will be given for tests and quizzes as well as due dates of written assignments.
  - Benchmarks for projects and long term assignments will also be included.
- Pen and pencil
- Student issued Chromebook and charger
- Content area materials/study guides as directed

Extra Help

Extra help can occur each morning at 8:00 am and most afternoons, with the exception of Monday, at 2:57 pm. An updated schedule will be posted on Ms. Stivers's Google Classroom to reflect duties and meetings. Ms. Stivers's desk is located in room 210.

Course Grading

Students will receive a letter grade for this course. It will be based upon class participation and preparedness as well as completion of course assignments.

Students will complete daily reflections on their preparation, attitude and participation, organization, and time management skills. Students will share these weekly reports with their families and highlight a strength/area for improvement each week. (Weekly points)

Students will also complete a variety of assignments related to both their core content area coursework and their development of key academic skills. Each of these assignments will be graded on a point value. The assignments may include study guide completion, Achieve 3000 reading comprehension passages, "Did You Study?" quizzes, and study guide creation.

Grade:

$$\frac{\text{Total points earned}}{\text{Total possible points}} \times 100$$

Technology

Students will utilize technology for course assignments as permitted by Ms. Stivers and the Acceptable Use Policy.

Google Classroom/Drive

All students will utilize Google Classroom and Drive with their Tenafly accounts during Study Skills class. Daily and long term assignments will be posted and tracked through these applications.

Home Communication

Homework assignments can be found in students' planners each day and on Ms. Stivers's website. Weekly progress will be displayed through the Parent Portal and weekly points communications. Any questions may also be emailed to Ms. Stivers.

Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of this Place

