Danville Area School District
Course Overview and Scope and Sequence

Course Title: Psychology
Content Area: Social Studies
Grade Level: 11th/12th Grade
Date Developed: June 2023

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes that seeks to describe, predict, understand, and control maladaptive (patterns that can hurt self and others) thoughts and behavior. Psychology is a one-semester social studies elective presented on an introductory or survey course level. Throughout this course students will focus on the integrated themes of psychology and the five main pillars of psychology. Course components include an introduction to the history, perspectives, and research of psychology, learning and cognitive development; the stages of human development; aspects of personality and intelligence; the classification and treatment of psychological disorder; and psychological aspects of social interactions.

ANCHOR STANDARDS:

- Biological Pillar: Biological Basis of Behavior, Sensation, Consciousness
- Cognitive Pillar: Cognition, Memory, Perception, Intelligence
- Development and Learning Pillar: Life Span Development & Learning
- Social and Personality Pillar: Personality, Motivation & Emotion
- Mental and Physical Health Pillar: Disorders, Health

KEY COURSE TEXT AND MATERIALS:

- *Prentice Hall: Psychology* (2nd Edition) by Elmhorst, Minter, & Spilis (textbook)

- Teacher-created course website used in conjunction with Google Classroom (Google Site LINK)
- Tech Tools: Google Education Suite, American Psychological Association Website
- *New York Times* & *Wall Street Journal* (periodical sources from DHS Library subscription)

KEY ASSESSMENTS:

Formative: comprehension checks, quizzes, learning guides, concept maps
Summative: unit quiz, current event applications, analysis tasks

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE					
Unit	PRIORITY STANDARDS	SUPPORTING STANDARDS	ASSESSMENT	MATERIALS	TIMEFRAME
Psychology as a Science	Scientific Inquiry & Research Methods	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Unit quiz, current event, analysis task, learning guide, research project	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	16 Days
Development Across the Lifespan	Development & Learning Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Unit quiz, learning guide, research project and presentation	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	13 Days
Biological Basis of Behavior	Biological Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Learning guide, mind maps, Unit III assessment	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	15 Days
Sensation & Perception	Biological Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Unit quiz, learning guide	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	5 Days
States of	Biological Pillar	PA CC.8.5	Journal, learning guide,	Textbook, class	12 Days

Consciousness		PA CC.8.6	group research PSA project & presentation	website, chromebook, online resources	
Learning	Development & Learning Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Unit quiz, learning guide, mini research project	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	6 Days
Memory	Cognition Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Unit quiz, learning guide,	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	6 Days
Motivation & Emotion	Social & Personality Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Project, learning guide	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	5 Days
Theories of Personality	Social & Personality Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Learning guide, Personality test	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	3 Days
Disorders	Mental & Physical Health Pillar	PA CC.8.5 PA CC.8.6	Research Project	Textbook, class website, chromebook, online resources	9 Days