



Mehlville School District

AP Psychology

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General Course Information

Course Name: Advanced Placement Psychology	
Department: Social Studies	Grade Level(s): 11, 12
Duration/Credits: 1 year/ 1.0 credit	Prerequisites: Students who are successful in AP Psychology must be strong independent readers and organized writers. Students must be motivated and able to complete college-level course work. Successful completion of a previous high school history course is required. Course content is not recommended for freshmen.
BOE Approval Date: 11/19/18	Course Code: 1335W
Course Description:	
The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce the student to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings. Critical thinking is an active and systematic strategy used to examine, evaluate, and	

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understand events, solve problems, and make decisions on the basis of sound reasoning and valid evidence. The curriculum for this course places a heavy emphasis on essential readings, writing assignments, independent projects, and frequent tests intended to prepare students for the AP Exam.
Course Rationale:
Acquisition of psychological knowledge enables and enriches the student's life at home and in the workplace. People with a deeper knowledge of the development of the study of psychology and the major theories of psychology increases one's understanding of themselves and others.
Course Objectives:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student will employ psychological research methods, including ethical considerations, to evaluate claims and evidence. 2. The student will analyze key terms to explore the major core concepts and theories of psychology in formal and informal written analyses. (A+ Writing). 3. The student will read and critique a independent reading of their choice and complete a psychological analysis of the book. (A+ Reading) 4. The student will create simple research projects, interpret and generalize from results and evaluate validity of research reports. (A+Research) 5. The student will effectively communicate ideas based on the use of valid evidence and claims in the field of psychology. (A+Speaking and Listening)
Standards Alignment:
Course aligned to College Board AP Psychology Standards

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