General Course Information

Course Name: Introduction to Psychology	
Department: Social Studies	Grade Level(s:) 10,11,12 (Elective)
Duration/Credits: 1 sem/ .5 credit	Prerequisites:
BOE Approval Date:	Course Code: 1320
Course Description:	
This course offers an introduction to the scientific study of thoughts and behavior. Psychology is a unique course in which students will learn to assess human behavior objectively. In Introduction to Psychology, the focus is on understanding how this subject can be used to make sense of people's lives.	
Course Rationale:	
The development of scientific attitudes and skills, including critical thinking, problem solving, and an appreciation for scientific methodology taught in the Introduction to Psychology course are critical career and life skills	
Course Objectives:	
• The student will apply and write about psychological principles to analyze behavioral and cognitive processes and will make connections between ideas and theories (A+ Writing). • The student will research and analyze historical and modern perspectives/theories of psychology (A+ Research). • The student will read about, discuss, and critique historical theories in psychology from a contemporary perspective (A+ Speaking and Listening, A+Reading). • The student will define key psychological terms and be able to apply them to everyday life.	