

DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

COURSE OUTLINE

SUBJECT: Resource Room

GRADE: 8

Course Description:

The primary focus of this program is to provide students with learning strategies, study techniques, organizational and social/emotional skills that address IEP objectives. Students also utilize the resource room for testing accommodations and to receive/review, reinforcement, and re-teaching of content area concepts. The overall goal of the resource room is to offer students the tools required to become independent and self-directed learners.

Anticipated student outcomes:

By June of this year, students in this class should be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Internalize and effectively apply learning, organizational, study skills and social/emotional strategies in various academic and social arenas, throughout the school day.
- Take greater initiative and more responsibility for their academics and learning.
- Utilize testing accommodations and program modifications.
- Develop skills necessary to achieve goals on Individualized Education Plans.
- Request assistance from the special education and general education teachers as necessary.

Materials required or used:

Content area textbooks, agenda pads, independent student work folder, technology, skill building workbooks, manipulatives, visuals, and graphic organizers.

Reinforcing Classroom Materials:

1. Help students understand class requirements
2. Pre-teach and reteach material
3. Develop graphic organizers
4. Practice or enrichment
5. Develop study guides

Criteria for grading:

Grading is based on progress toward IEP goals

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SUBJECT: Special Class Reading

GRADE: 8

Course Description:

In this course, small group instruction is utilized. The general aim is to provide basic reading skills. The skills focused on are decoding, encoding, fluency, and comprehension.

Anticipated student outcomes:

By June of this year, students in this class should be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Improve accurate and fluent word recognition
- Increase spelling and proofreading proficiency
- Increase vocabulary and listening comprehension skills
- Improve reading comprehension with narrative and expository text of increasing levels of difficulty
- The above will be accomplished through formal and informal data collection such as worksheets and other teacher made materials, charting and fluency scores

Materials required or used:

Independent student work folder, technology, skill building workbooks, graphic organizers, fiction and non-fiction texts, and teacher-made materials

Criteria for grading:

- Grading is based on progress toward IEP goals