San Angelo Independent School District
Course Syllabus

Course Title: Psychology/Sociology
Grade Level: 9-12
Campus: Central High School
Location: Holmes 116
Teacher: Xavier Martinez
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Conference Time: 11:47 AM – 12:36 PM
School Phone Number – (325)659-3400 Ext. 252
Tutorial Days/Time(s): Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:06 – 10:42 AM
Textbook: **Psychology - Understanding Psychology**
Sociology - Sociology: A down-to-earth approach
Grading Procedure: Major grades will count 60%; Minor grades will count 40%. Tests may be corrected up to a 70. Corrections must be completed before the next test. Late work must be completed 1 week from the assigned due date for a maximum grade of a 70. Alternative assignments may be given. There are **NO** dropped grades.

Assignments: There will be reading assignments, writing assignments, and projects done during and after class. Some assignments will utilize technology. Students are responsible for the work and assigned equipment. There
will be a minimum of 4 major grades and 10 minor grades during each nine weeks.

Policy for Make-up Assignments: You will have the number of days absent plus one. When you return from an absence, it is your responsibility to get your make-up work.

Policy for Late Work: 10 points off after 1 school day, 20 points after 3 school days, 30 points off after 5 school days. No late work accepted after 5 school days from the due date.

Policy for Test Corrections: Tests can be retaken for a grade up to a maximum of a 70.

Course Objectives for Psychology: In Psychology, we are primarily looking at issues that are affecting the individual and their mental outlook. Some of the issues that are examined include mental disorders such as Schizophrenia, Autism/Aspergers, alcoholism, drug addiction, adolescence, and family dynamics. The important Psychologists in history will be researched. Many of the psychological tests will be taken by students so that they can see for themselves what they are learning about.

Course Objectives for Sociology: Sociology deals with many of the same issues as Psychology, but from the vantage point of how society as a whole plays a role in the individual's actions. Many of our topics are controversial. We examine sexuality, drug and alcohol use, violence, poverty, culture, and race.
All class discussions will be held in a respectful and orderly manner.*
We will explore various topics everyday and watch many videos that are relevant to our content. Some videos may be of mature nature.

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Teacher Signature

Classroom Responsibilities
Coach Martinez

Materials Required:

- Pen or Pencil
- Folder or Binder
- Paper
- Chromebook (Charged)

Expectations in the Classroom:

- Be respectful to your peers and to your educators.
- Adhere to the Social Contract.
- Be in class on time. School tardy policy will be enforced.
- Come to class prepared with supplies.
- **Per HB1481, that impacts ALL Texas public schools, including San Angelo ISD. In alignment with this new law, students will NOT be permitted to use personal electronic devices—*including cell phones, smartwatches, wireless/bluetooth earbuds and headphones, tablets, or gaming devices*—while on any San Angelo ISD campus during the school day. If students bring a device to school, the device should be put away and out of sight for the entirety of the school day (*including passing periods and lunch*).**
- Hoods/hats will be taken off your head when class begins.
- Students will be expected to complete homework including reading assignments.
- You are responsible for all information introduced in the class.
- CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. IF YOU CHEAT YOU WILL GET A ZERO. This means willfully copying and presenting the work as your own or allowing assignments to be copied. **Plagiarism is not allowed.**
- Drinks in the classroom must have a lid on when you're not drinking.
- Snacks/food may be allowed if approved by me.
- Misconduct will not be tolerated. All rules in the Student Handbook will be enforced.
- Classroom responsibilities/expectations can change anytime at teachers' discretion.

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Student Name Printed Parent Signature

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Student Signature Date