Peer Mentor Class Syllabus 2026/2027

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Course Overview

Peer Mentorship is a leadership-based elective in which general education peers support students in a special education classroom. Peers assist with daily activities, model positive behavior, and help create an inclusive, supportive learning environment. Students develop skills in communication, teamwork, empathy, and responsibility.

Grading

Weekly Participation – 25 points per week (5 points per day)
Active engagement with students
Positive communication and teamwork
Following routines and expectations
Leadership, initiative, and responsibility

Field Trip Evaluations – 10 points each (20 points total)
Two field-trip evaluations based on professionalism, engagement, and appropriate behavior.
(Alternate assignment may be provided if needed; please contact Ms.Townley for options.)

Final Assessment – 200 points
A reflection and application project that demonstrates what the peer mentor has learned throughout the course.

Course Expectations

Treat all students with respect and sensitivity.
Participate actively in all class activities.
Maintain confidentiality regarding student information.
Be dependable, flexible, and willing to help.
Follow classroom instructions, safety guidelines, and school expectations.

Attendance

Participation is a major part of this course. Consistent attendance ensures peers can actively support classroom routines and maintain continuity for the students they work with.

Communication:

Communication is key! I appreciate being informed and aware of any concerns that you or your student may have. If you have questions or feel that there is important information that the staff and I need to know, please feel free to contact me. An email will get the quickest response; classroom phones divert to voicemail during school hours. Emails between 7 am and 4 pm will *typically* be responded to the same day, but please understand that I may be teaching or dealing with another campus issue if I do not immediately respond. **Emails will receive a response within 24 hours during the school week per CCUSD policy.**

Grades

Grades will be updated at least weekly. Grades will be generated via daily participation points, field trip permission slips, and the final project. The school's expectation is that two grades will be entered per week. Grades will be posted in PowerSchool. To access the CCUSD PowerSchool portal, please visit: www.ccusd93.org/Page/799

Identification Badges/ Dress Code:

In accordance with school and district policy, students are to wear their ID badges at all times. ID Badges must be visible via a lanyard around the student's neck. Additionally, students will be required to follow the school dress code.