High School Syllabus

Department: Social Studies

Course #: 20227H

Course Title: Advanced Placement Psychology

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: AP Psychology is a full-year course designed to provide students with a broad overview of the diverse field of psychology and prepare students for the AP Psychology Exam in May. The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. In order to achieve these goals, the majority of class time will be devoted to lectures, discussions, and extensive review sessions. However, time will also be allocated for demonstrations, experiments, and class activities; the content of which may or may not be covered in the text. Active participation in these activities will help clarify certain areas of study and should add to everyone's enjoyment of the class.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME	STANDARDS/ ELIGIBLE CONTENT
Unit 0: Introduction to Psychological Science Practices: Research Methods & Data Interpretation Module 0.1 - 0.6 (Scientific Method, Research, Statistics)	**(Approximately 7.5 Blocks)**	**Standard Area: Perspectives in Psychological Science** **Standard Area: Research Methods, Measurement, and Statistics**
Unit 1: Biological Bases of Behavior Module 1.1 - 1.6d (Nervous System, Brain, Sleep, Sensation)	**(Approximately 10.5 Blocks)**	**Standards Area: Biological Bases of Behavior** **Standard Area: Consciousness** **Standard Area: Sensation and Perception**
Unit 2: Cognition Module 2.1A - 2.8D (Perception, Problem Solving, Memory, Intelligence)	**(Approximately 10.5 Blocks)**	**Standard Area: Memory** **Standard Area: Thinking** **Standard Area: Intelligence**
Unit 3: Development & Learning Module 3.1 - 3.9 ((Developmental, Classical Conditioning, Operant Conditioning)	**(Approximately 10 Blocks)**	**Standard Area: Life Span Development** **Standard Area: Learning**

Unit4:Social Psychology and Personality Module 4.1 - 4.8B (Social Psychology, Personality, Motivation, Emotion)	**(Approximately 11 Blocks)**	**Standard Area: Social Interactions** **Standard Area: Personality** **Standard Area: Motivation** **Standard Area: Emotion**
Unit 5: Mental and Physical Health Module 5.1A - 5.5D (Stress, Positive Psychology, Psychological Disorders, Treatment)	**(Approximately 10.5 Blocks)**	**Standard Area: Psychological Disorders** **Standard Area: Treatment of Psychological Disorders**
Review for AP Exam	**TBA**	
AP Exam	***May***	
After the AP Exam - Final Projects	**TBA**	

RESOURCES: Myers, D. G. (2011). *Myers' psychology for AP Course 4ed*. New York: Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishers.

-Psychology-related articles from online news sources, Frontline, TOPPS, Teaching High School Psychology Blog, and Psychology Today

- Parents and students are encouraged to use the Parent Portal "Quick Links" on the school district website to monitor grades.