

Mountain Ridge Junior High 2016-2017 Study Skills

Study Skills Mission:

Use study skills as a vehicle to train responsible young adults by:

1. Encouraging effective communication skills
2. Developing a deep sense of personal commitment and accountability
3. Promoting a high consciousness of achievement through individual and group work

Objective of the Course: To study and learn about different study and organization habits. Students will be better organized and prepared for school because of their participation in this course.

Grading Policy:

40% Tests

Students will learn certain skills that they will be tested on throughout the semester. Students will receive a grade of A, B or an incomplete on all major assessments. Students who receive less than a B on an assessment are required to come in and retake the test after they have completed the appropriate work. Students will retake tests in order to master the content necessary to pass the course.

30% Classroom Assignments/Homework

Students will be given assignments to complete in and outside of class. Late work will result in lost points, and all assignments must be turned in two weeks prior to the end of term.

30% Classroom Participation

Students will receive a daily participation score. Participation will be based on student interactions throughout the period as well as completion of daily homework for other classes. **BRING HOMEWORK FROM OTHER CLASSES TO STUDY SKILLS EVERY DAY!**

Classroom Behavior:

Make good choices

NO Food/Drink

Use good manners

NO Cell Phones

Speak when you are called on

Involve yourself in activities

Care for the music classroom

Equal Opportunity:

This class is open to all students. Mountain Ridge Junior High offers education to all students and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. Students who have a grievance with another student or any school employee should talk to the school administration or a counselor about their concerns.

Folders and School-Issued Books: Each study skill student will receive a numbered folder and a numbered copy of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey. Students are allowed to take folders and books home, but they must be brought to class each time we meet throughout the semester. If a book or folder is lost, the student will be expected to replace the book or folder at current retail value.

Cell Phone (or other electronic devices) Policy:

Students are not allowed to bring cell phones to class unless students are using electronic devices during the class period for an educational purpose. If a student cell phone is being used during classroom time, without prior permission, Mrs. Drake will ask the student to place their cell phone on Mrs. Drake's desk until the end of the class period. All participation points will be lost for the class period.

Supplies:

Each student is required to bring a **pencil** to class **every day** as part of their daily participation score.

Each student is required to bring a package of colored pencils with them to class every day. A small package of colored pencils is just fine.

Preparedness policy:

Students who fail to bring the appropriate supplies to class each day will have to "rent" their supplies from Mrs. Drake by providing a hall pass (or something similar) as collateral until the end of the period when the borrowed materials will be returned and the hall pass will be given back to the student. Students are expected to come to class prepared. If you have trouble obtaining any supplies, please let Mrs. Drake know.