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Senior Projects Course of Study

2023-2024

Course Objective:

Senior Projects is a two-semester course that provides students the opportunity to expand their knowledge in a particular area of identified interest. Students will develop and execute projects that will apply academic and career-related knowledge and skills in new and complex situations, and will connect to their own personal, academic, and/or career interests and post-high school goals. The class uses a self-directed approach to learning. Along with the project, students will complete assignments to assist them in their life beyond the high school, focusing on post-high school careers and higher education opportunities.

Listing of primary course material to be covered:

1. Leadership and Character Building
2. Goals, Values, and Personality Assessments
3. General Life Skills
4. Career Readiness, Resumes, Applications, and Mock Interviews
5. Personal Research Projects utilizing Computer Applications and Technology

Strategies for Successful Senior Projects Students

- Arrive on time with all needed materials so that you do not lose out on potentially valuable information or experiences.
- Use your time wisely! Complete the current assigned task before doing anything else
- Ask questions about the current topic! Smart people ask a lot of questions.
- Focus on what is being taught. Keep electronic devices outside of the classroom so that you are not distracted.
- When assigned group work, it is imperative that you contribute to the group. Your overall grade for a project will take into account your contributions.
- All assignments are to follow MLA formatting guidelines (distributed in class) unless otherwise indicated in the directions.

Supplies Required:

1. Laptop/iPad (with wireless connection)
2. Three-ring binder/notebook paper
3. Pencils/Pens

Grading Policy:

- A student must complete all assignments in order to pass the class.
- Late assignments are accepted, with a penalty.
- If a student is caught plagiarizing, s/he must redo the assignment, with a punishment/penalty. If a student is caught a second time, the student may fail the course.
- iGrade will be updated about every two weeks.

Each student's course grade is determined as follows:
- Fall Semester Grade: 50%
- Spring Semester Grade: 50%

Each student's semester grade is determined by averaging the two nine-weeks grades within each semester.

Each student's nine-week grade is determined as follows:
- Daily participation: 25%
- Graded projects: 60%
- Nine-week test: 15%