

## Psychology

Psychology covers all aspects of behavior, thought processes, and relating to one another. Psychology is valuable because it makes you think, feel, react, learn, remember, perceive, and develop as a human being. Most importantly, it helps you to understand yourself. In order for you to be successful in life you must understand who you are and how you got that way.

This class is taught as a college prep course. Everything we do in here is designed to prepare you for the next level of education. It is primarily lecture based and tests are given over two chapters at a time. Most of the material will be new to you and some of it is difficult, so you are encouraged to look over your notes each day and expected to read each chapter, otherwise you may be overwhelmed come test time.

Class Materials: Textbook, Notebook (only if you prefer to write), Pen (**Blue or Black Ink Only**) or Pencil, Flash Drive (highly recommended), Computer, and a Positive Attitude – **Needed Everyday!**

Classroom Rules: Be on time, be prepared, be respectful of everyone and everything, be on task, and recycle all paper. Notebooks should **NEVER** be placed in your textbook.

**Cell Phones:** All cell phones are to be placed on top of the counter according to your row and seat number. This must be done by the second bell. All phones should be turned to **SILENT**. Any first offense violation will result in me keeping the phone until the end of the day. Second and any further offenses will be handled by the office.

Laptops/Internet: Although you will have access to a laptop 24 hours a day, I realize that not all of you will have that same access to the internet or the school's network. However, it will be your responsibility to make arrangements outside of class (staying after school, coming in early, public library, etc.) to complete homework and prepare for tests. Remember that the Commons is also available for you to use the internet as long as the building is open.

**If you are in the Success Center because of your psychology grade you will NOT be allowed to use your laptop unless it is specifically needed to complete assigned tasks. Note taking must be done in a notebook. You will regain the use of your laptop at midterm or quarter, whichever applies, if your psychology grade is in passing status.**

Beginning of Class: Class begins with the **2<sup>nd</sup> Bell**. If you are not in your seat promptly after the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell, you are late. If you have any make-up slips they will be signed during this time.

Journal: One of the best techniques for self-discovery is keeping a journal. A journal is a place to record your thoughts, feelings, concerns, and images. It is a book of your inner life. A journal is not the same as a diary; **it is not a list of what you do every day or a calendar of events in your life**. Instead, a journal is a collection of regular comments and commentaries focused on exploring your life and yourself. You will write in your journal usually two-three times a week. This will usually be your opening activity and most days I will give you a topic. Your journal will be collected and graded at the end of each unit. Each entry should be **at least 150 words**, with each entry being worth three points.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand Mr. Docker's classroom policies and procedures.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have read, understood, and agree to abide by Mr. Docker's classroom policies and procedures.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participation: You will receive a daily participation grade for your time in this class. You will earn your points as long as you are prepared and actively engaged in the learning of psychology. This means working on opening activities, note taking, participating in discussions, working on psychology homework, following classroom rules, having required class materials, etc. You will earn two points each day for a total of approximately 80 points per quarter. Participation points will be figured every two weeks. You'll be allowed one unexcused absence per grading period. After one unexcused absence you will receive an X in the grade book, meaning the points won't help you or hurt you.

Leaving the Room: Trips to your locker and restroom will be strictly limited. I will only allow you to use the restroom if it is an emergency, so please use the restroom between classes. Trips to the guidance office or office will also only be allowed in the case of an emergency.

Make-up Work: If you miss class it is your responsibility to come and see me. If you miss class and come to school later in the day you are expected to stop in and get your make-up work. If you have missed several days you should come see me before school the day of your return. Tests and quizzes need to be made up **ASAP!** You must do this either before or after school, during study hall, or during DEAR. **Make-up work is your responsibility. I will NOT chase you down and tell you that you need to turn in assignments or make things up.** You will have the number of days absent plus one to get your work in as stated in the student handbook. It is hard to do well when you're not here.

Late Work: If you do not turn an assignment in when I collect homework, then the work is late. I will only accept late work the **next day** after the assignment is due. This will result in the loss of one letter grade. **Late work will NOT be accepted after the next day.**

Class Grade: Your grade in this class will be determined by your scores on your journal, homework, tests, quizzes, projects, and participation. We will do at least one major project in this class.

Cheating: Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class. Turning in identical work to someone else on a nongroup project or assignment will be considered cheating. If caught cheating or plagiarizing you will receive a **zero** on that assignment.

Test Taking: When taking tests in my room all books, notebooks, computers, etc. must be shoved under your desk. Nothing is to be in the aisles. All tests must be completed before the period is over unless otherwise notified. On test days you should bring a book to read or something else to work on in case you finish early. If you do not have something else to work on you should be completing the reading assignment. Time after tests is not to be used surfing the internet or playing games.

Web Site/Schedule/OpenClass: On my web site you will find a copy of the syllabus, daily activity schedule, and the notes for each chapter (you will not be able to print the notes). To get to my web site go to [www.centrallyon.org](http://www.centrallyon.org), choose the classroom pages tab, choose HS Social Studies, then find my name. All class materials can be found in OpenClass. To access OpenClass, use the Google Apps link on the Central Lyon homepage. After entering your username and password, which you'll be given, scroll down to OpenClass.

Headphones: I will allow you to listen to music when working, but I don't want to hear your music nor does anyone else sitting around you. Time should not be wasted searching for music to listen to either. You will lose the privilege if you cannot listen to music in this manner. You will also be responsible for any announcements or directions given while your headphones are on.

Extra Help: I cannot read your mind, so if you need help, **ASK!** I will go out of my way to help those who seek help and work hard. I am always available before school and when not coaching I'm available after school as well. Remember that if you have questions on a homework assignment or test preparation the worst time to ask is during the period they are due.

Fire Drill: Exit quickly and quietly through the NW exit in the elementary wing.

Tornado Drill: Sit quietly in the hallway north of the SE wing.

Quote for the Year: "A person is but the product of their thoughts. What they think, they become."

-Mahatma Gandhi