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## COURSE SYLLABUS

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Course Name: Psychology

Term: 2018-2019

**Dedicated to creating an environment that fosters optimism, creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning.**

**Attitudes are contagious, is yours worth catching?**

### Course Description

This project based introductory course will focus on exploring the different aspects of the field of Psychology. Mostly, this course will focus on individual behavior as well as why and how he/she thinks, feels and reacts to his/her environment under various conditions.

### Course Objectives

- What is psychology and what is its purpose?
- Explore the functions of the brain
- Who's the boss of you anyway? (exploring how individuals are conditioned to think in certain ways under various circumstances within their environment.
  - cognitive
  - behavioral
  - developmental
  - personality

## **Grading Policy**

Grades will be based on a point system through daily skill warm-ups, activities, participation, projects, homework, and assessments.

Grades will be weighted in the following manner:

Participation/classwork	20%
Homework	20%
Projects	30%
Tests/Quizzes	20%
Final	10%

## **Definition of Grades**

A = Demonstrates mastery, outstanding effort and product

B = Meets high expectations, solid effort and product

C = Adequate effort is displayed in product

D = Minimal Effort is displayed, product is less than standard

F = No effort or interest is displayed in product

## **Required Supplies**

- Three-ring binder
- Journal notebook
- Pens/pencils
- Highlighters

## **Classroom Management Policy**

Students are expected to

1. **Respect others around them by:**

- a. Working quietly and collaboratively when asked
- b. Encouraging others through positive words and actions
- c. Expressing ideas in an appropriate manner.
- d. A positive classroom expectation is that students are allowed to contribute in class without fear of being put down or teased.

**2. Come to class prepared to learn by:**

- a. Bringing all supplies to class
- b. Using your passing period appropriately
- c. Being ready to start working when the bell rings
- d. Having a respectful and cooperative attitude

**3. No cell phones allowed during class time. All cell phones will be placed in holder and remain there for entirety of course.**

**4. Be in class on time.**

- 1st Tardy teacher conference
- 2nd Tardy teacher notifies parent by phone and speaks to the student.
- 3rd Tardy teacher contacts parent, student receives teacher led detention/consequence
- 4th Tardy referral to the office
- 5th Tardy parent, student and admin meeting at school

## **Cheating and Plagiarism**

Plagiarism occurs when a student deliberately uses someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source. This involves, textbooks, online material, and the work of other students.

Cheating and/or plagiarizing will result in a student receiving a zero for the assignment, as

well as a detention, Friday school, or suspension.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by Email at

[mdasta@jajags.com](mailto:mdasta@jajags.com)

### Teacher Access Hour

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM (T TH)

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM (M T W)

I have read this course syllabus and understand the requirements for this class.

_____	_____
<b>Student Signature</b>	<b>Printed Name</b>
<b>(date)</b>	
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<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>	<b>Printed Name</b>
<b>(date)</b>	