

Rancho Mirage High School
STUDY SKILLS COURSE SYLLABUS
2018-2019



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Course Description/Overview

- The purpose of the course is to allow students extra time and resource assistance to complete classwork, homework and assigned projects, **as well as sharpen skills that will help them to be a successful student at Rancho Mirage High School.**
- Students will enhance their note taking, reading, reading comprehension, word knowledge, mathematics, and understanding of academic vocabulary.
- Students will **also work on specific IEP goals and short term objectives.**

Study Skills is a course designed to reinforce and build upon the student's previously learned organizational, study, test taking, and advocacy skills. Students will work on individual and group skills to enhance their learning, and they will be asked to develop their own personal goals each quarter.

**Study Skills class is not exclusively to be used for homework.
It is expected that all students will do homework at home.**

Approximately half of the time in this class will be used for students to work on study skills and/or IEP goals and objectives. The rest of the time students will be expected to work on homework or other educational activities.

To Achieve Success In This Course:

In order to be successful in this class students must be present, **bring assignments & chromebooks, complete study skills assignments, and be engaged at all times.** Disruptive behavior **will not be tolerated** as students are here to enhance their study skills and get a jump start on assignments.

Grading System:

Assignments will be weighed according to their categories. Note that **IT IS NOT POSSIBLE to pass this class if you do not do the final project.** The final exam is **REQUIRED** of me to give per administration.

Examples	Percentage of Total Grade
Weekly Warm-Ups Class Participation In-Class Assignments	50%
Final Project	40%
Homework	10%

Classroom Policies

Attendance/Tardies - If you miss class, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU MISSED** and what you need to make up – not during class hours – come see me before or after school. You can look on the back white board to see what assignments you missed or you can look on my website if you have been absent. You have as many days as you were absent to make up your work.

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and be in their seat by the time class begins. Students who are tardy will be marked as such and will serve detention. Tardiness affects the entire class, not just the person who is tardy; therefore, will not be tolerated.

- 1st Tardy – Warning
- 2nd Tardy – 30 minute **after-school** detention / phone call home
- 3rd Tardy – 60 minute **after-school** detention / phone call home
- Subsequent tardies will result in an office referral and phone call home.

Homework/Classwork - Ample time is given every period for Study Skills Activities to be completed, if it is not finished during the class period, it will be due the following day of class. Students will be given time to start homework assignments for some of their classes, but it is **EXPECTED that students will continue to work on homework at home.** This class is NOT a homework class.

Cheating/Plagiarism – Plagiarism is presenting another person's ideas as one's own. This occurs through the deliberate attempt to pass off another person's work as one's own OR by failure to acknowledge and cite sources through proper documentation. Both types of plagiarism are serious offenses and will not be tolerated. Always turn in your own original work and follow your teacher's directions for citation. Consequences for plagiarism are outlined in the RMHS English Department Grading Policy.

Appropriate Behavior – Disrespect shown toward teacher, peers, or school property will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by these rules will result in one or more of the following:

1. Warning and teacher/student conference
2. 30 minute **after-school** detention along with parent contact
3. 60 minute **after-school** detention along with parent contact
4. Referral

Class Expectations:

- * Arrive to class ON TIME with ID's ON
- * Use the restroom before or after class
- * Turn in assignments on time
- * Do not speak when I am speaking
- * No food or beverages (except water) unless approved to me
- * NO GUM – PERIOD
- * Do not write on desks
- * Follow instructions given by me the 1st time
- * Engage and work in class
- * Do not prevent your peers from learning
- * Have your Chromebooks with you & charged

Study Skills 2018/2019 Syllabus Signature Sheet

Please sign below to indicate that you and your parents have read this syllabus, understand your expectations, and agree to adhere to the classroom policies. Return this signed sheet to Mrs. Hilario by Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Print Student Name _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____