

Guided Studies

Issaquah High School

2019-2020 COURSE SYLLABUS



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Supplies

The following tools are recommended to help you make the most effective use of your class time:

- Planner (electronic or hard copy)
- Textbooks
- Calculator and math tools
- Ear buds (for listening to audio books or music)

Course Description

On non-blocked days, this class gives you a structured, supervised study hall and work period. It is an elective graded on the PASS/FAIL system. During class, you should complete homework, work on upcoming projects, access technology resources, complete tests (using additional time as allowed by content area teachers or as make up for absences), get tutorial support, and participate in conferences to troubleshoot any issues that may be affecting your academic performance. You should have access to all of the tools you need to complete class work. On block days, you will work with specific teachers to complete proficiency tasks needed to earn credit required for graduation.

Class Goals

- Provide the academic support you need to be successful in all of your classes.
- Help you develop study skills to support independent learning and critical thinking.



“A MIND IS LIKE A PARACHUTE. IT DOESN'T WORK IF IT IS NOT OPEN.” - *Frank Zappa*

Technology Use

Technology is a great tool to help us get our work done, but too often it is a distraction, becoming another obstacle in the way of what we should be doing. Phones and laptops should be used for academic reasons. Listening to music while working on assignments is fine as long as it isn't distracting to anyone.

Grading

Passing this class requires that you

- Use class time effectively & efficiently.
- Complete grade checks, including making a plan to raise any grade at or below a C-.
- Attend assigned NEST time to get academic support.
- Use a planner (school provided planner, calendar with room for notes, or your phone).

Study Skills



One purpose of this class is to build and improve study skills, especially the following:

- Fully complete assignments.
- Access course info via websites & textbooks.
- Organize work.
- Prioritize tasks & develop study plans using a planner.

Expectations - Be HERE



Be honest.

- Practice academic integrity.
- Own your choices.
- Rise above drama and gossip.

Be engaged.

- Come to class on time ready to learn.
- Participate in learning activities.
- Advocate for yourself.

Be respectful.

- Maintain a distraction-free environment.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Practice self-control.

Be empathetic.

- Consider the impact of what you say, do and write.
- Help, encourage and support each other.