



Maria Montessori Academy Junior High

Study Skills – Subject Syllabus

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Course Description: The Study Skills class is focused on helping students to complete work assigned to them in other classes. Students will receive academic help and guidance from the teachers and their peers. By making wise choices throughout the school day, students will earn time in class to work on a fun project of their own choosing.

In addition, students who receive special education services in language, speech, occupational therapy, or social skills will receive those services during this class period.

"Hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge." --Mary Catherine Swanson, founder of AVID

Course Expectations: Students will come to Study Skills ready to work. They will bring the necessary materials to complete assignments from their other classes. Student binders will be kept organized. Study guides and planners will be used daily to aid in goal-setting and monitoring work progress.

Textbooks and Materials: There is no textbook required for this class.

Grading Plan: Student behavior--both social and academic--will be evaluated daily by the student, their study group, and the teachers. These rubric scores will be averaged over the quarter to provide a grade for this class.

- Grading Scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or Below

Course Policies:

Student Work: In this class, we are learning the value of "trying." As students learn good study habits and take pride in the work that they produce, their academic skills--and the quality of the work produced--will naturally improve. Students' grades reflect the effort that they put into their academic work while in the Study Skills class.

Portfolio: Student rubrics will be used to show growth and maturity gained over the term by comparing rubrics at the beginning of the term to later rubrics.

Group Activities: When appropriate, students will work in cooperative groups to complete assignments from their other classes.

Homework Expectations: Students are expected to show their planners to their parents at least weekly.



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Extra Credit: No extra credit is available.

Absences: Make-up work is not applicable.

Citizenship Grade: Citizenship is graded by rubric. Daily rubrics will be filled out by the student, their study group, and their teachers.

Class Rules:

Students will be seated at their desk, writing a work plan in their planner when the tardy bell rings.

Students will use mistakes and incorrect answers as a positive learning opportunity. No negative self-talk or bullying will be tolerated.

At certain specified times, students may listen to music on a personal music player while they work. As per school policy, cell phones are not allowed in class. MMA JH computers and Ipads may not be used to listen to music.

Class Materials:

All students will need the following:

MMA JH Planner

Work binder or math, social studies, and science notebooks

Writing utensil

Donations of the following items are much appreciated:

Materials for personal projects: art, cooking, and sewing supplies; or materials to entice your child via their interests and hobbies

I have read and understand the rules for _____ class.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ Date:_____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address:_____ and/or _____

Student Signature:_____ Date:_____