WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL

Credit Recovery Expectations

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Welcome to Credit Recovery!

To complete your credit recovery course(s), we will be using a program called Odyssey, which is available via the internet. You can access this website and login using the following information:

* Site: www.thelearningodyssey.com
* Login Information
  + Username: first name last name (no space)
  + Password: first initial last initial student id
  + School: WLHS

**Classroom Expectations:**

My expectations for this class are the same as for any class I may teach. I expect that you will be on time to class and start promptly on your work for the day. When you get to class, you may retrieve your assigned Ipad and log on to Odyssey and start your individual course work. I expect that you will utilize your time in class wisely and use it to advance your studies. Since we will be using technology every day, I expect that you will be on the Odyssey site working on your courses and not misusing the technology to surf the web, play games, chat with friends, etc. I also expect that you will conduct yourself appropriately while in class. Every student in this class is here to earn credit and needs to focus on their individual work. I will not tolerate behavior that may cause a distraction to others.

As you will be self-directed learners within your individual courses, it is important that you stay on top of your work. I suggest that you set weekly goals so that you will be able to finish the course in a timely manner. If you find that you are not accomplishing enough in our normally scheduled time, you may also choose to stay after school with me Tuesday-Friday from 2:20-3:20. Finally, as Odyssey is an online program, it is also possible to work on your courses at home. I expect that you will spend some time at home each week putting additional work into your courses.

**Your grade:**

Your performance in class that I will report on your progress report and report cards will be largely based on the habits of work listed below. Habits of work are incredibly important to practice on a daily basis because they help you become a better student and experience more success in class!

**Habits of Work:** Exceeding Standards (ES), Meeting Standards (MS), Progressing toward Standards (PS), Limited Progress (LP)

1. **Completes Homework**: Homework is an extension of learning beyond the classroom. It is expected that you will complete your homework when given to demonstrate understanding of your learning and provide you the time to apply your education. In addition, homework in this class is time for you to develop the resources necessary to continue learning in the classroom. The purpose of homework is to help you learn and grow, without it you are not achieving to your full potential.
2. **Participates in class discussions**: Class participation is essential to the learning process. It allows students to work through and practice concepts that are being taught. It is expected that you will participate constructively during class time by completing tasks, working collaboratively, and asking and answering questions.
3. **Conducts self in appropriate manner**: Maintaining the proper environment for learning is very important. Students will be expected to come to class and to come to class on time with all of the appropriate materials that are needed for the day. Students are expected to show respect towards their fellow student and adhere to the rules and regulations of the school as outlined in the student handbook.
   * + 1. Being on time and prepared for class
       2. Respecting and listening to others
       3. Responsible use of technology
       4. Using Appropriate Language
4. **Maximizes time on task:** When given assignments in class, students are expected to devote their attention to the task at hand. Surrendering to the various distractions such as cell phone use, idle chit chat, lack of motivation, etc. stunts the learning process. The more students can stay on task during the class period, the more learning and growth will occur.

**Behaviors of the Exemplary Student:**

1. Interacting with or using technology to enhance your learning related to a given lesson
2. Conducting yourself according to agreed-upon and previously-taught expectations
3. Engaging in effective and efficient routines and transitions
4. Activating your prior knowledge of the content and skills relating to the learning target
5. Demonstrating that you own the learning target
6. Understanding and articulating the purpose or goal of what you are doing
7. Conducting appropriately scaffolded, self-directed activities to fulfill the learning targets
8. Producing evidence of utilizing some kind of strategy that you have been taught previously
9. Using language and vocabulary of the content, process and strategies that you are learning
10. Self-assessing to determine your progress towards meeting the learning target
11. Utilizing problem solving strategies as you apply your learning to new situations and contexts
12. Challenge and hold each other accountable to achieving the learning target
13. Visibly represent your understanding of learning targets, enduring understandings and essential questions

**Extra Help:**

While I expect that you will be a self-directed learner within your credit recovery course, this does not mean you may not ask for help! I anticipate that you will have questions about content, skills, or what to do. Please do not hesitate to ask questions! I will assist you in any way I can.

There will be students who will be enrolled in courses that I do not teach. If you need help with understanding the content of a course, I will help you to the best of my ability, but I **ENCOURAGE** you to connect with a teacher from that content area and receive the help you need. This may require that you will need to arrange a time before or after school, during a study hall, or during the time that our class meets (provided that the teacher has that period available, has given you permission and a pass to go to their classroom!). Being a self-directed and motivated learner means that you may have to go out on your own and seek the help you need.

I have read and understand the course expectations and grading policy as stated above. Place this signed sheet in the front of your notebook.

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