

Philadelphia High School for the Creative & Performing Arts
AP Psychology
Syllabus

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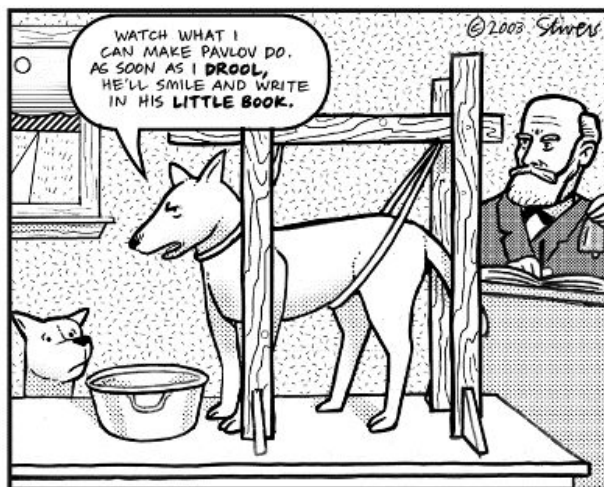
Office Hours: **Wed. & Thurs., 3-4pm**

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Welcome to AP Psychology! This course is designed to introduce you to the study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. You will learn the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. You will also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. This is a rigorous, college-level introductory psychology course. I hope you accept the challenge of this advanced course, and I'm looking forward to a fantastic year!

Required Daily Materials:

- Subject specific 3-ring binder (at least 1.5 inches)
 - Binders will be subject to occasional checks.
- Loose leaf paper
- Folder
- Pencil or pen



Your binders are expected to be well maintained and organized to ensure you have the best possible resources with which to study for your AP Exam in May.

- *Binders are to be kept in the classroom except for days leading up to a test.*
- ***Folders*** will be used to hold and transport daily assignments and documents.
- *Assignments should be transferred to binders upon completion (see homework policy).*

Expectations:

Classroom Norms:

- Arrive on time and prepared to participate fully in class, every day.
 - This means have all materials and classwork.
 - School policy now states that students will be issued a detention on their 5th occurrence of lateness to a class.
- Be respectful and assume best intentions of teachers and classmates.
- Self-advocate: if you're stuck, lost, confused, etc. ask.
- Care and advocate for one another.
- Cell phones on silent and away for the entire period, unless otherwise instructed.
 - Phone use will result in loss of participation points, confiscation, detention, and a phone call home.
 - "Charging Stations" are located throughout the room for you to use, IF
 - You plug your phone in *before* class begins
 - Leave your phone plugged in until the end of class
 - Phone is on silent
- If you must miss class time, be proactive and responsible for your work. It is **your job** to catch yourself up.
 - Daily assignments and relevant information will be posted to the class website.

Class Participation:

- You are expected to be fully engaged participants every day.
- Class participation will be classified as a "Performance-Based Assessment" and will likely be the largest single grade each quarter.
- Participation points are lost for violating classroom expectations, disengagement, lateness, and any other behavior that does not represent your best self.

Homework Policy:

- You should expect homework every night. Missing homework will often negatively impact your ability to fully participate in class.
- All work is due upon entering the classroom on the due date.
 - Work that is on time will be checked and stamped by me within the first 5 minutes of class. *Work submitted after the first 5 minutes of class will be marked as late.*
 - **Corrections** will be made together as a class. **You** are responsible for making sure you have the correct information in your papers.
- You may submit any classwork or homework assignment 1 day late for half credit **if it is done well.**
 - After the second day, **you will not receive credit for work, but should still complete it.**

- Larger assignments (such as essays or projects) will receive a 10% deduction for every day it is late.
 - 1 day late will result in a 10% reduction. 2 days late will result in a 20% reduction, and so on.
 - After 1 week, **work will not be accepted.**
- If something comes up and you cannot complete an assignment, **you** are responsible for emailing me *before* the deadline. Excuses will not be accepted the day an assignment is due.

Absences:

In the event that:

- **Student comes to school late and misses entire class:** He/she must see me *on the same day* to submit work that was **due that day**. If he or she has missed a *test/quiz* due to being late to school, he or she must see me on that same day to take the test/quiz or schedule a time to make it up. When a student misses class due to unexcused tardiness, all missed work/deadlines will be deemed “late,” and receive a deduction in points; missed tests that are not made up that same day are subject to a 10% deduction for every day that passes without the test being made up. ***Students may not make up a missed test/quiz without a note from a parent/guardian excusing the absence from the test period. If a student misses a test and comes late to school, in order to make it up that day and avoid a point deduction, they must present a note excusing the absence.***
- **Student misses school due to an excused absence:**
 - School district policy applies to all absences; for each day the student is absent, he or she has two days to complete the work.
 - Students missing class because of school activities, i.e. sports, choir, orchestra, performances, etc. are **responsible** for the old and new work assigned while they are out; **get the phone numbers and emails of a few trusted classmates** so you can find out what you missed. You can always come see me the day before to find out what you will miss.
- **Student misses class due an unexcused absence or cut:** According to school district policy the student will receive a zero for all assignments due or completed in class, and cannot make up any work or tests.

Academic Integrity:

- Any form of cheating, copying, or plagiarism will result in an immediate zero for all parties involved, as well as receiving the appropriate disciplinary consequences, as seen to by the principal.
 - Any work turned in with false attribution to its author, or copied from another student, a published text, or downloaded without citation from the internet is considered plagiarism.
 - **Remember: plagiarism can sometimes occur by accident, so be careful when taking notes or doing research to always cite the sources of your information and/or inspiration.**
 - All essays and major assignments will be run through an online plagiarism checker. **Please, do not even try to plagiarize.**

Report Card Grades:

- Report card grades will indicate numerical grades for each academic quarter and cumulative grade for the year as follows: 100-90=A; 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F.

The AP Exam:

- The AP Psychology Exam is **May 9, 2019**
- You are automatically registered for the test. There is no fee.
- The test will be held at CAPA.
- The AP is scored **1** through **5**.
 - The score on the exam has no influence on your grade in this class.
 - Scores of 3 or above are often accepted for college credit (varies by school).

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand and agree to the policies and expectations outlined above.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____