

Modesto City Schools
Course Information sheet
Roosevelt Junior High School

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Course: Study Skills

Textbook: No textbook

Required Materials:

- Roosevelt Planner

Suggested Materials:

1. A good quality three ring binder, with pockets on both sides. I recommend a 2" or 1 ½" should be ok.
2. 5-6 colored tab dividers to separate the academic classes and study skills
3. A heavy duty, three hole punched zipper pouch to hold supplies
4. Two or more pens
5. Two or more pencils
6. At least 1 high lighter
7. Binder paper (100 sheets) college ruled

Major Units of Study:

- Collaboration
- Writing
- Reading Strategies
- Notes taking
- Study Skills
- Organizational skills
- Study Groups

Grading and Evaluation Policy:

Students will be graded on completion of planner, weekly binder checks, grade checks, completion of core academic assignments, and study skill assignments.

Grading Scale: I use a total point's scale:

89.5 – 100 = A
79.5 – 89.4 = B
69.5 – 79.4 = C
58.5 – 69.4 = D
58.4 = F

Extra Credit Policy:

There will be no extra credit in study skills.

Make-up Practices:

Students that have an excused absence will be allowed two days for every day that they are absent to make up the assignment. Responsibility for making up missed work lies with the student. Refer to the Student Conduct Code regarding make-up practices for other types of absences.

Other:

This is a participation class. **Students have to be willing to work or the class will not help them.**

Homework Practices:

Since study skills is a class that will be focusing on core academic classes and organizational skills, I will rarely assign outside homework. Most assignments will be completed in class.

Unique to this Class:

- Once a week students in study skills will receive academic and social advisement provided by the Center For Human Services
- Once a week all students will spend time doing a binder/back pack clean out. This really helps students to be more organized and have the ability to find their completed or incomplete work. This is part of the students grade
- Weekly grade checks that will need to be assigned by the parents and returned.

Special Note: Any test or assignment that a student may not keep following its return and review will be retained by the teacher for at least 9 weeks following the issuance of report cards.