

**Freshmen Study Skills class:** Ms. Wood's group meets in the library.

**10/1/2012** Handout regarding updates on Freshmen team grading

**Note:** This is a one semester, pass/fail class. You need a 60 or higher to pass this class.

**25%: Participation:** Participation in the day's activity.

- **Activity on Tuesdays & Thursdays** = silent, assisted study hall days. Students may use a laptop computer for academic purposes only.
  - Students are expected to:
    - stay seated.
    - be silent.
    - work on homework assignments.
    - ask Ms. Wood for assistance if they need help.
    - organize their 3 ring binder if needed. (Ms. Wood will be randomly reviewing binders and agendas to check for organizational issues.)
    - read or draw quietly if they have nothing else to do.
- **Activity on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** = teacher facilitated, group activity days.
  - Students are expected to take part in the day's group activity.
  - Students are expected to pay attention to detail.
  - Students are expected to listen carefully for directions.
  - Students are expected to stay on task.
  - Students are expected to take turns talking during group discussions.

**25%: Organization:** (3 ring binder, agenda, & supplies/materials)

Every subject area teacher is supporting students in their organizational goals:

- a. **3-ring binder:** papers should be filed regularly in the correct class sections and sub-sections (notes; homework; quizzes/tests). This will help the individual student study for midterm exams, as well as helping the student locate important class paperwork.
- b. **Agenda book:** every day, students should notate nightly homework assignments and project due dates.
- c. **Supplies:** students should keep their pencil case stocked with writing utensils, a high lighter, and a ruler.

**25%: Behavior:** Goal = respect for self, respect for other students, and respect for the teacher.

- 1. Students are expected to stay seated during class.
- 2. Students are expected to abide by the basic rule of decorum that there should only be one person speaking at a time during group activities; the other group members should be actively and quietly listening to the designated speaker.
- 3. Students are expected to refrain from rude and distracting behavior.
- 4. Students should not throw things.

**25%: Assessments:** Tests, Quizzes, & Activity Handouts

- Students are expected to pay attention to detail when completing activities.
- Students are expected to use class time provided to complete activities.
- Students are expected to make-up any activities that they miss due to absences.
- Students are expected to produce quality work to the best of their ability.

**Grading scale:** **1** = unsatisfactory; **2** = basic; **3** = proficient; and **4** = distinguished

Ms. Wood's Freshmen Study Skills, 7<sup>th</sup> period

**6 week rotation:** You will still **report to the library each day**. You will have a different teacher for each of these days. We will have silent, assisted study halls on Tuesdays and Thursdays as usual. I will be checking binders and agendas one final time before progress reports. Make sure you bring them to class each day. 😊

**Date:**

**Your teacher will be:**

**Teacher's focus:**

Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Mrs. Wood

Library Skills

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mrs. Brown

Organization & Time Management

Friday, October 5th

Mr. Mucher

Social Skills through games

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Thibeault

Following Directions

Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Hawker

Math Games

Friday, October 12th

Mrs. Frid

Word Games