



Pine Ridge High School
Learning Strategies Course Syllabus

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Course Description: In this course we will study an individual's approach to a task. Strategic instruction provides instruction for students on how to think and act before, during and after a task.

Instructional Responsibilities:

1. Teach specific strategies to students using a specified instructional methodology.
2. Create a strategic environment that promotes independent thinking by the student.
3. Facilitate individual functioning and generalization by the learner.
4. Take responsibility for the cooperative planning process with the content area teachers.

Content Standards: For a list of standards covered, the content area curriculum maps can be accessed through the Volusia County Schools website. www.vcsedu.org

Resources: Content Area Textbooks, Online Websites, Handouts, My Career Shines Program, Etc.

Grading Policy: Course grades reflect the student's level of academic achievement regarding the content standards. **60%** of students' nine weeks' grades will be determined by averaging the grades from 3 common summative assessments of content standards; **40%** of the grade will be determined by averaging formative assignments and assessments.

Submission and Make-Up Policies: All student work is expected to be turned in by the assigned due date. Those students who are absent from school on a due date must turn in work on the day they return to school. Students have the number of days absent + 1 to make up missed assignments. Test make ups will be scheduled at the instructor's convenience during Office Hours.

Tutoring: If you have difficulty with any aspect of this course, see your instructor immediately to schedule tutoring. Please attend available Office Hours when needed and/or required.

Classroom Expectations:

- Be prompt, polite and prepared for the class period's activities. Please have books, notebook, paper and pencil/pen ready when the bell rings.
- Follow directions and stay on task.
- Respect your fellow students. Do not talk when someone else has the floor and refrain from side conversations. When you are talking, you are not listening, and when you are not listening, you are not learning. We all learn from each other!
- Follow all rules as found in the Student Code of Conduct.

Materials Required: pencils, blue or black pens, a composition notebook, a binder or folder, loose-leaf paper, flash drive

FOCUS: Students and parents can access course grades on FOCUS located on the Volusia County website. www.vscedu.org

Contact Information:

I am looking forward to teaching you this school year. If you or your parents have any concerns or questions, please contact me at hjtaylor@volusia.k12.fl.us or lbuday@volusia.k2.fl.us. If you would like to schedule a parent conference, please contact our school counseling department @ (407)688-9500 Ext.43997.

Please complete, sign, and return this page to Mrs. Holly Taylor. Thank you!

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent (Legal Guardian) Name:

Parent (Legal Guardian) Signature:

Phone number where parent can be reached:

Email of Parent or Legal Guardian:
