Class Syllabus

**TEACHER:** Mr. Eric Wilcox **CLASS:** AVID 10

**ROOM: F 108**

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The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students, but especially disadvantaged students with academic potential, will succeed in rigorous curriculum, will enter mainstream activities of the school, and will become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.

AVID is a secondary school program which restructures schools to meet the educational and social needs of underrepresented students. Through AVID, students that are most underrepresented on secondary campuses are prepared to meet rigorous high school requirements. To achieve this goal, school personnel at all levels receive comprehensive staff development designed to help them set high expectations for themselves and their students. They learn specific educational strategies which enable AVID students to complete a rigorous academic program.

**CLASSROOM RULES**

Every student has the right to a positive and safe learning environment. In order to ensure this, it is important that the rules outlined in the Student Handbook, the Online learning norms and expectations, as well as the ones set up in this class be followed. This includes not eating in class (this includes chewing gum), not physically engaging other classmates and not using inappropriate language or innuendos. Students are also expected to:

1. Be in their assigned seat with proper materials by the time the bell rings
2. Keep all unnecessary objects and personal electronics OFF and PUT AWAY unless directed otherwise
3. Be responsible for their own learning (if you are confused, ASK FOR HELP!)
4. Respect the teacher, classroom and other classmates
5. No eating in class-water is okay
6. There is no working on assignments from other classes unless approved by Mr. Wilcox
7. Be productive! If you need help figuring out what to work on, refer to the agenda or ask Mr. Wilcox

**HOMEWORK AND CLASSWORK**

Homework will be assigned from time to time and will be checked in class. For any excused absences, you will have the same number of days absent to make up the work you missed. Incomplete assignments will not be accepted. Incomplete assignments will receive NO CREDIT. Classwork assignments will be given periodically throughout the year and turned in the day they are assigned. Late assignments will receive HALF CREDIT and will only be accepted before the assessment. The student is responsible to show late assignments to the teacher before school or after school. Late assignments will *not* be accepted during class time. Homework and classwork will together comprise 25% of the overall grade.

**Projects and Assessments**

There will be numerous individual and group projects throughout the year. These assignments will comprise 25% of the overall grade.

**Notebook/Binder Check**

Organization is a key component in AVID framework. Thus, frequent notebook and binder checks will be conducted for both organization and focused notes. These checks will comprise 25% of the overall grade.

**Tutorials**

The tutorial process is a large part of the AVID curriculum. Tutorials are non-negotiable and participation is required for full credit. These tutorials will make up 25% of the overall grade.

**HOW TO CHECK YOUR GRADE**

It is the student’s responsibility to monitor their grades and bring any issues or discrepancies to my attention immediately so they can be corrected or resolved. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to check the **Aeries Parent Portal** on a weekly basis to view the most current grades for EVERY class and to have an updated e-mail address on file with the office.

**IF YOU ARE ABSENT…**

* You will have up to as many days as you were absent to turn in missed assignments. (For instance, if you were absent on a Monday, you would have to turn in absent work no later than Wednesday)
* Tests and quizzes will need to be made up the day you return regardless of how many days you were absent.
* There will be no postponementfor students who are absent days prior to a test or quiz.
* Students are responsible to copy notes from a classmate for the day(s) they are absent as well as checking my website for any handouts or videos that may have been posted.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Cheating of ANY kind will result in a score of ZERO on the homework assignment, test, or quiz. If a student is found with another student’s homework assignment (or picture of), both students will receive no credit without exception. Talking of any kind, having unauthorized materials (including personal electronic devices), or “wandering eyes” are considered cheating. (Refer to student handbook for more information)

**DISCIPLINE POLICY**

A variety of corrective measures will be used in order to maintain a successful learning environment. If a student chooses to behave poorly by not following rules or directions, their behavior will result in one or more of the following:

1. Verbal/Non-verbal warning and/or speaking with teacher after class
2. Parent/Guardian contact via email and a possible behavior contract
3. Referral to Counselor
4. Referral to Office
5. Any continued misbehavior will result in another Office referral

**OFFICE HOURS**

I have availability before school and at lunch to provide extra tutoring but arrangements need to be made in advance.

**CONTACT INFO**

You may contact Mr. Wilcox through email. I will respond within 48 business hours.

**GRADING SCALE**

The grades will be given based on the following:

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| Homework/Classwork | 25% |
| Projects/AssessmentsBinder/NotebookTutorials | 25%25%25% |

The following percentage grading scale applies.

 90-100% A

 80-89.99% B

 70-79.99% C

 60-69.99% D

 0-59.99% F

A grade of “D” or better is required to continue on to the next level. Citizenship grades are based on attendance, classroom behavior, and adherence to the school and district rules. Work habit grades are based on homework completion, attendance, and positive participation in class.

Please note: There is no “rounding grades” at the end of the semester or any grading period

\*Syllabus subject to change at Mr. Wilcox’s discretion