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PROGRAM SUPPORT NINE

COURSE OUTLINE

WHAT IS PROGRAM SUPPORT?

Program Support is a unique course designed to help you succeed in all of your academic subjects. It will focus on skill building and experimenting with strategies that will benefit you throughout high school and life beyond Notre Dame. This course will focus on paragraph and essay writing strategies, time & course management, research and presentation skills, note-taking and test taking strategies as well as cooperative learning. Throughout the year, we will also look at relevant social issues effecting teens today, media literacy and safety as well as other topics of interest.

Please note: Program Support is **NOT** a homework block. Students may *sometimes* be granted time to complete some homework assignments during the class; however, PS has its own curriculum and its own assignments. Students will receive individual attention and assistance to provide them with homework and social skills. Personalized lessons will focus on helping the student to further understand coursework. Subject areas are subjective to the areas in which the student needs assistance.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- Receive instruction in strategies to assist general learning in the regular classroom
- Receive instruction in organizational and time management strategies
- Receive instruction in study skills strategies and utilizing them
- Receive instruction in strategies for remediation of academic areas of concern of the student
- Prepare for the writing of tests and examinations
- Work both independently and cooperatively with all staff, peer tutors, and students
- Recognize their unique learning style and how to maximize learning from it
- Develop social relationships with peers
- Be tested periodically to determine academic gains from learning strategies
- instruction in the areas of spelling, reading comprehension and word identification

TOPIC OUTLINE AND STUDENT EVALUATION

Everything we do in class can be categorized into four different sections; these sections will make up your PS mark:

Topic	Description	Weight
Organization	<i>Organizational skills and preparation.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Agenda and Binder Checks</i>- <i>Locker Checks</i>- <i>Daily Preparation</i>- <i>Time Management</i>- <i>Course Management</i>	30%
Academic Development and Remediation	<i>Encompassing areas of reading, comprehension, writing, math, science, social studies, as well as other topics.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>AR Points and Silent Reading</i>- <i>Reading Comprehension</i>- <i>Math Drills</i>- <i>Projects</i>- <i>Self-Advocacy</i>	40%
Study Skills and Strategies	<i>Improving study skills</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Creating study schedules</i>- <i>Time Management</i>- <i>Course Management</i>- <i>Study techniques</i>	20%
Cooperative Learning	<i>Using peers as tools for learning and support</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Various projects/assignments</i>	10%

SUPPLY LIST – WHAT YOU NEED TO SUCCEED IN THIS CLASS:

- ✓ 3 Ring Binder - 1½ inch
- ✓ Lined paper (~400 sheets)
- ✓ Blank paper (~100 sheets)
- ✓ Agenda
- ✓ Blue, black, AND red pen
- ✓ Whiteout
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Eraser
- ✓ Three highlighters (all different colours eg. pink, yellow, green)
- ✓ Dividers – a set of 5 is perfect