

# Psychology Course Expectations 2013-2014



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Welcome to Psychology-

I hope you are looking forward to a fun-filled and challenging year! I am available 1st hour (7:45-8:44) and before and after school for assistance. Also, feel free to email me with questions or concerns relating to the course.

Psychology is an elective social studies course designed to provide practical information regarding the mind, self and skills necessary to interpret their internal and external interactions. First semester themes include the history and background of psychology, the workings of the mind and body, and the developmental life span. Second semester will focus on learning and the cognitive process, personality and individuality, and other social issues.

## Supplies:

- binder/folder
- journal
- loose-leaf paper
- pens, pencils, highlighters
- required text

**\*The student needs to come to class prepared every day\***

## Grading Explanation:

- Assessments (projects, presentations, tests and quizzes, formal and informal papers) will comprise 80% of the student's grade.

- Class Work/Homework is worth 20%.

Classwork and homework are viewed as practice activities for assessment grades.

## Grading Scale:

100%-93%	A
92%-90%	A-
89%-88%	B+
87%-83%	B
82%-80%	B-
79%-78%	C+
77%-73%	C
72%-70%	C-
69%-68%	D+
67%-63%	D
62%-60%	D-
59%-0%	E

## Classroom Activities:

Discussion (small and large group)

Group Work

Research/Labs

Notes

Informal and Formal Writing

Projects and Presentations

Tests and Quizzes

## Classroom Expectations:

Behavior: Respect is a necessity. All policies of Clawson High School (see handbook) and the Board of Education are strictly followed.

Disciplinary Note: Anything that is done or said that is counterproductive will result in consequences such as a detention, parent contact, or administrative referral.

Assignments: All assignments must be completed by the due date. Late work is only accepted in cases of extreme illness or emergency and parent notification. Missing assignments will receive a 0. Any student who has an excused absence may submit work upon his or her return and will receive sufficient time to make up work. Arrangements need to be made for missed tests or quizzes. It is the student's responsibility to find out what was missed during an absence.

Any form of plagiarism or cheating will not be tolerated.

I have read and understand the syllabus for the 2013-2014 Psychology class and the school policies and procedures listed in the student agenda.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student name printed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name printed \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Concerns that you would like to make me aware of before school begins \_\_\_\_\_

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