



W. A. Perry Middle School

Medical Detectives/ Health Science Careers I/AVID Elective
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Dear Parent or Guardian:

I want to first say Hello and Welcome Back!!! My name is Kenya Seawright, and I am your child's AVID Elective teacher for the 2020-21 school year. We are soon to begin school and wow...what a year! I have been at W.A. Perry for 8 years and this will be the first time that we have ever started virtually. This is new for all of us, but I want to ensure you parents and students that we are working towards making this the best virtual experience possible. It is our goal to help our students become confident learners and provide a positive learning experience. In order to make this year a successful one, we will need teamwork and cooperation required by all. I have provided an outline of some of the procedures and expectations for this year. Please read through this information with your child and keep it for future reference. Thank you in advance for ALL you do and I look forward to working with you!

Course Description:

AVID 8th grade (Advancement via Individual Determination) - is a college and career readiness program designed to ensure students are academically and socially prepared for success. AVID is offered as an elective class as well as various AVID strategies are implemented school-wide. The program will continue to focus on ORGANIZATION during its fourth year of implementation as it is a skill important in schools, careers, and other aspects of daily life. All students are required to have an AVID binder, pencil pouch, sheet protectors, and dividers to assist them with being organized.

Required Materials: DLE Laptop, Microsoft Teams Software, Paper, pencils, journals,

Virtual Learning/Books and Materials

The virtual learning platform is where students interact, communicate, view, and discuss their content through some type of Internet accessibility. Teachers will document, track, automate, and deliver courses through the platform. Our students will use the following platform(s):

8th grade: AVID – Microsoft Teams Software (AVID)

Other Virtual Applications/Software:

Students will use web based or installed apps/software to complete assignments. The following applications may be used to facilitate online learning and have been approved by our school district:

- Code.org
- Fligrid
- Polly
- Class Notebook
- Discovery Education
- Microsoft Whiteboard
- Padlet
- Adobe

Grading Percentages:

Your child's grades will be based on tests/lab projects, classwork/quizzes, and homework. Grades will be computed in the following manner: **10% Homework, 40 % Test/Projects, 25% Classwork, 25% Quizzes**

Grading Scale

90-100= A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69=D

59 or below = F



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Parent/Guardian Contact:

ALL parents will be contacted periodically for positive reasons, and as needed for problems with academics, behavior or other teacher concerns.

Attendance (Including Virtually):

Under normal circumstances, each student is expected to come to school on time each day. Virtually, each student is expected to be logged into class on time and attend the entire length of class. Role will be taken at the beginning of each block. If your child is absent from school or virtual school, he/she will be allowed to make-up work. If a student is tardy for face-to-face instruction, he or she must have a pass to enter class from an administrator, faculty or staff member. If the student is tardy for virtual school, he or she will need to provide a reason for the delayed login time. The school policy for attendance and tardies will be enforced.

Re-Do/Re-Take Plan:

Guidelines:

- Students who score below 70 can redo/retake up to three (3) assessments/projects per marking period. Students will have only one opportunity to redo/retake each assessment.
- The higher grade achieved up to 70 (original or redo) will be recorded.
- The teacher determines the re-teaching/tutoring opportunity required prior to the student retaking the assessment.
- Retakes will cover same objectives but will not be the original assessment/assignment. Alternative assignments may be required at the teacher's discretion since some assessments/assignments may not be replicated.
- The redo/retake opportunity will occur no later than within five (5) days of the end of the marking period.

Student Procedures:

The student must complete a Redo/Retake Plan of Study.

Sign and get parent/guardian signature.

Submit the Plan of Study to the teacher within three (3) school days of receiving the assessment score below 70.

Academic Dishonesty or Cheating: will result in a grade of F with no option to make-up work. A parent will be notified and the appropriate consequences will be applied. .

Homework:

A minimal amount of homework will be given to students for this course.

Virtual Learning Rules and Regulations:

The following table list the rules and consequences that will govern the classroom for this school year. I would greatly appreciate if you would take some time to go through these guidelines with your child.

Virtual Learning Rules:

1. Always mute your microphone unless instructed otherwise by a teacher.
2. Login on time and stay online through the entire class period.
3. Keep your camera on unless you're going to the restroom or moving around.
4. Use school dress code while learning virtually.
5. Raise your hand in the chat box to be recognized.
6. Upload all assignments on Microsoft Teams.
7. Please do not make inappropriate faces while online.
8. Please do not use profanity.



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Virtual Learning Consequences:

Refer to the Student Handbook for Category Offenses and Discipline Action

- 1st Consequence–Warning
- 2nd Consequence–Student/Teacher Conference
- 3rd Consequence–Call to Parent/Guardian
- 4th Consequence –Student/Teacher/Parent Conference

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE PLAN:

District Policy will be enforced as outlined in the *Discipline Code Booklet* and the *High School Handbook*. This includes but is not limited to proper usage of the Internet. It is the responsibility of the parents and student to be familiar with these rules. In addition to the above, all students will be asked to adhere to the following class rules and procedures. These additional rules and procedures are necessary for the safety of the teacher, students and equipment in the classroom.