

## Welcome to Psychology Class!



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**Course Description:** Introduction to Psychology is an entry level class that surveys questions about human behavior and mental life ranging from diagnosing abnormal disorders to why we fall in love. The course introduces the major theories, methods, and findings of modern psychology to beginning students with a focus on real world case studies.

**Required Classroom Materials:** All students are required to have a one-inch, three-ring binder that they will bring to class every day. Please arrange the handouts in the binder in the order they were given. Please note: There is not a textbook for this course.

**Participation:** Participation is 10% of the final course grade. Points are given for volunteering and effort in class.

**Passes:** Passes are for emergency use only. If a student leaves the room for any reason, they will sign out using the student's planner.

**Tardiness:** Tardiness is defined as entering a classroom after the bell without a pass from a faculty member, up through the first six minutes of class. Arriving over 6 minutes tardy is an **unexcused** absence according to the school attendance policy. Failure to arrive on time to class will be reflected in the student's participation grade.

**Homework:** Homework is very minimal in regular psychology. When it is given, it will be posted on the board and on the classroom website under the date it is assigned. Please go to Grosse Pointe North's Home Page, click on *Staff Websites*, and open the *Homework Calendar* on my website for homework assignments.

**Late Work:** Assignments turned in late without prior approval will be downgraded a full grade for every day it is late. Work that is more than 4 days late will be given ½ credit.

**Make-up work:** Late work is accepted for excused absences. Generally, students will have two days to make up work for each day missed. Students absent for extended periods of time should make arrangements for an appropriate make-up schedule. Students are responsible for checking the website or the classroom folder upon their return for any missed assignments.

**Make-up quizzes/tests:** Tests and quizzes can be taken before school Monday-Friday, during lunch, or tutorial hours.

**Behavior:** It is expected that students will be respectful and follow the Student Code of Conduct. Consequences for inappropriate behavior: 1) Warning 2) Time after class 3) Detention served before or after school 4) Parent contact 5) Administrative referral.

Cheating of any kind or copying any portion of an assignment from another source will result in a zero (no credit) for the entire assignment, quiz, or test, and a phone call to the student's parents. Students caught cheating will also lose the opportunity to complete extra credit for the course.

**Phones, or other electronic devices, are to be turned off in class and cannot be used for any reason during or AFTER quizzes or tests.**

Inappropriate or excessive use of any electronic device will be reflected in the student's participation grade.

**Extra Credit:** Chapter tests, quizzes, and games played in class provide opportunities for extra credit. Other options may be available throughout the semester.

**Extra Help for Students:** Extra help is available before school in room 201B. A list of North High School students available to tutor is also available upon request from the library or the counselors.

**Communication with Parents:**

Meetings to discuss student's performance or assessments may be arranged before, after or during school. You may also email me to arrange a weekend meeting if necessary. Most tests that are not permanently returned to students can be mailed to the parent for review if a meeting cannot be arranged.

**Return of student work:**

All projects completed inside or outside of the classroom will be returned to students with a detailed rubric. Major tests and exams that are common between North and South High Schools will not be permanently returned, but will be discussed in class, with the opportunity for students to take notes and copy examples of questions that posed problems.

## Grading

Quarter grades are calculated by the number of points earned divided by the number of points possible. (See the Student Handbook for a detailed explanation of semester grades.) Students and parents can access grades by going to [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org) and selecting *Pinnacle, Parents & Student Connect*. Parents will log in using the PIN and password assigned to the student.

Note: Quarter grades are not automatically rounded. Students should monitor their grades on Pinnacle.

Exams	35%
Quizzes	30%
Homework	10%
Participation	10%
Mini projects	15%

>98.00%	A+
93%-97%	A
90%-92%	A-
87%-89%	B+
83%-86%	B
80%-82%	B-
77%-79%	C+
73%-76%	C
70%-72%	C-
67%-69%	D+
63%-66%	D
60%-62%	D-
0%-59%	E

Please keep this course outline in the front of your three-ring binder.