

Intro to Behavioral Health

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Course Description: This course helps students to understand human and career literacy. Skill development will focus on career selection and preparation and the development of interpersonal skills. Students will analyze school, personal experiences and academic achievement as it relates to the world of family, career and community. This course will strengthen comprehension of concepts and standards outlined in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

● **Class Rules/Expectations:** 1. Be on Time 2. Be Prepared 3. Be Respectful

● **Required Materials/Supplies:** Each student is required to have:

1. Pen or Pencil
2. A Good Attitude

● **Bathroom pass policy:** It is important for student learning to have time in class to focus on what is being taught. With many of the concepts in this class students are graded on participation and effort. There have been issues at our school with misusing the opportunity to use the bathroom or get a drink. As a result, there may be restrictions set in place to limit bathroom and drink passes. Students can bring water bottles and use the bathroom before or after class time. Please directly contact the teacher to notify of circumstances that this policy would interfere with.

● **Homework:** There is a minimal amount of homework in this class. Most assignments can and will be finished during class. However, if a student does not finish the work in class or is absent, it will be assigned as homework. All class work will be on the Canvas course. Assignments can be submitted online whether you are in class or at home. Being absent from class, even for school excused activities, does not excuse a student from doing the work.

● **Late Work Policy:** There will be times during each quarter that late work will be due; one at midterm and the other at the end of the quarter. I try to accept work throughout the quarter, but students will receive a "0" until assignments are turned in. Receiving a "0" will bring their grade down and reflect on early lunch procedures. It is the **student's** responsibility to resolve any missed assignments when absent, even for a school excused absence.

● **Testing Policy/Academic Integrity:** DMS and its teaching faculty demand a high level of scholarly behavior and academic honesty on the part of the students. Violations by students exhibiting dishonesty (cheating) while carrying out academic assignments or tests may result in no credit or other disciplinary action. Many of the assessments, quizzes and tests for this course will be taken online. While taking online tests, students are not to have any other browsers open on the computer screen. Students are not to share or forward individual test results with any other student. Students are not to use any previous test results at any time during the testing process. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in no credit for the assessment or other disciplinary action.

● **Cell Phones/Other Electronic Devices:** Personal cell phones or tablets will **NOT** be used for this course. Students will receive one warning before the devices will be taken by the teacher. On the second offense the cell phone will be taken to the front office where it may be the parent's responsibility to redeem it. Please do not contact your student during class time, unless it is an emergency, and you can contact the front office.

● **Movies/Videos:** Throughout the semester, this class will have the opportunity to view several educational videos that relate directly to the state approved curriculum. By signing this disclosure, you give your student permission to view the movies/videos that are appropriate for this age and group of students as deemed by the teacher. If you have any questions throughout the semester regarding video selection or other curriculum issues, please feel free to contact me.

Video Clips: (Less than 2 minutes each)

In addition to movies, we will be watching short video clips that give examples of the concepts being taught

Kindergarten Cop
Titanic
Nacho Libre
Cinderella Man
Mr. and Mrs. Smith
A League of their Own
Blast from the Past

Heavyweights
Raising Helen
Austin Powers
Cat's Don't Dance
Finding Neverland
Matilda
Napoleon Dynamite

House on Haunted Hill
Ever After
Austin Powers 2
The Sword in the Stone
Beauty and the Beast
The Emperor's New Groove
Inside Out

- **Sensitive material:** This course consists of sensitive topics that can be triggering for some students. If a student is struggling, they will understand the options they can take to remove themselves from the discussion. Material that will be covered consists of self-management, communication skills, healthy relationships and what a toxic relationship looks like. This will include dating violence and how to get out of a violent relationship. Basic mental health issues will be discussed and what it looks like to live with that issue, as well as suicide prevention. Lastly, substance and behavioral addictions will be covered and how to break an addiction cycle.
- **Participation Points:** There will be a list of rules posted in the class that are based on respect and responsibility. These rules will be followed to allow all students the ability to learn and the teacher to be able to teach. Each class period students are given 4 points, 2 for listening/ following directions and 2 for participation. When rules are broken, and students are off task or being disruptive they will lose these points. Points will be posted in Canvas at the end of each week and will affect their overall grade in the class.

Students: I hope you will enjoy this course. It is a fun and valuable program. I am excited to be working with you!

Parents: If you have any questions or concerns about classroom procedures or curriculum, feel free to contact me.

Please sign and return this disclosure by: Friday, August 18, 2023

Student Printed Name:

Student Signature:

Class Period:

I have read all of the above information and understand what is expected of me in this class.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

I have read all of the above information and understand what is expected of my student in this class.

Option to fill out form online but DO NOT do both.

