

# Special Education Disclosure Statement for Mrs. Hardy Room #213

- **Philosophy Introduction**

The philosophy of the Special Education program is that every student deserves to be as independent as they possibly can be and be successful doing it! In order to accomplish this, clear directions, expectations, rules & support will be given daily. **Each class works on understanding and completing assigned work, being organized, having materials daily, using and applying study skills by taking notes and using them to study for tests.**

- **Classroom Expectations**

Citizenship and Respect is very important at Dixie Middle School as well as in my classroom as students are expected to follow the rules school wide:

- **Arrive on time, come prepared with assignments, materials from class, and ready to work.**
- **Refrain from disrupting the learning environment...If a student refuses to take advantage of the time and help provided, other arrangements will be made.**
- **Raise your hand if you need help.**
- **Be respectful! Please keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.**
- **Cell phones are to be locked in their locker unless you have a medical exception, or during lunch - refer to handbook on this policy.**

- **Attendance and Participation**

**Regular attendance and participation are necessary to ensure student progression and academic success.** If a student is absent and it is an excused absence, the daily points will be exempt. If the absence is not excused the points will be worth half.

- **Rewards and Consequences**

Verbal praise is the main reward during class along with earning good grades, treats are not used as a reward. Consequences for inappropriate behavior will vary with each student and in accordance with their IEP goals. However, all students are expected to follow Dixie Middle School rules and school-wide consequences will be enforced when appropriate.

- **Grading**

Students can earn up to 20 points each class period. Below is a breakdown of the points system

- 4 points for coming to class on time & following class routine
- 4 points for working and staying on task the entire class period
- 8 points for completing CORE Classes assignments
- 4 points for appropriate behavior & language, being helpful & respectful

- **Assignments**

No CORE class assignments are given during Study Skills/Learning Strategies class, this is a time to get caught up and stay caught up. **To better help our students succeed in their education, parent involvement is essential. Please encourage your student to ask for help when needed, do their best work, & turn in assignments on time! If assignments are not completed in class it means take it home and complete it ...This is also known as Homework!**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you or your student might have. **Email address:** [geri.hardy@washk12.org](mailto:geri.hardy@washk12.org) I'm looking forward to getting to know each one and helping them to have a successful year. Weekly update emails will help you to help your student stay on top of assignments and the due date. Our class is meant to be a working class where assignments are worked on and completed or near completion. Thank you for sharing your student with me this year! Welcome to new 8th graders, and Welcome back to 9th graders! Let's work together to make this a great year of learning!