

Special Education Disclosure Statement for Mrs. Hardy Room #213

★ Philosophy Introduction

The philosophy of our 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 upcoming 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. Classroom rules are listed below are expectations are to follow them:

- ★ 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 in my classroom. I do have mints if a student needs one to help calm them if feeling anxious - they must ask and 1 is allowed. 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 **(Grades are posted in Canvas when I have seen your student a total of 5 class periods)**

Students can earn up to 20 points each class period, the breakdown is listed below:

- ★ 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 class, our class time together is used to get caught up and stay caught up with all CORE assignments. **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 contact me with any questions or concerns you or your student might have at geri.hardy@washk12.org I'm looking forward to getting to know our new 8th grade students, and welcoming back our 9th grade students. I'll send emails about upcoming assignments as I'm notified, but please have your student log onto Canvas and go to each teacher's home page so we're on the same page and not caught by surprise! Our class is meant to be a working class where assignments are worked on and completed or at near completion. My end goal is to be a working team so that together we make this a great year of learning and students being and feeling successful!!