

Life Skills Peer Tutor Disclosure Document 2026-2027

Welcome to Peer Tutoring! We are so excited to have you here! This is an important and fun job! We need you!!!

- **This class will teach you how to ADVOCATE for people with disabilities.** You can help our students make friends and participate in school activities. You will be an example to others by demonstrating that people with disabilities should have the same rights and privileges as everyone else. This means that you will look out for these students in other classes, in the halls, in the lunchroom, and out in the community. I know that you will have an enjoyable experience with us!
- **You will learn to become a better friend, leader, and teacher.** Our students will follow your example, so set a great example! You will learn to make learning fun and active by using manipulatives and visuals to teach and explain simply and clearly. This is a life skills class for you. **You will learn skills that will help YOU for the rest of your life.**
- **Rare challenging behavior** - On rare occasions, life skills students have some extreme behaviors in our classroom. This is challenging for everyone and most likely comes from their disabilities. They might have toileting accidents, or even come out of the bathroom not completely dressed. Sometimes, when they can't communicate their wants and needs with words, they might become aggressive. Rarely, they may push, kick, hit, bite, or pull hair, etc. We will obviously try to prevent that, but sometimes things happen that are out of our control. Please tell us anything that happens so we can address it **immediately**. We never want you to be in a situation where you are uncomfortable or do not feel safe. **Please advocate for yourself and tell us how you are feeling.** These events are very rare, but we want you to be aware and know we do everything we can to prevent events like this. Communication with us is key!!! We need to know important information so bad patterns don't develop.
- **All school rules as established by the school will be enforced. Especially concerning phones and dress code.** Following dress code helps our students focus and learn.
- **Confidentiality:** While working with our students, you may learn some personal information about them. **PLEASE DO NOT SHARE ANY OF THIS INFORMATION WITH STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF THIS CLASS!!!** People with disabilities have the right to confidentiality under Federal Law. Talk with your parents and teachers about concerning events, not your friends.
- **Attendance/participation: Consistent attendance and participation in this class is mandatory.** This class is a **performance-based class. You cannot get participation points or help the students if you are not here. Attendance is vital.** We assume you want to be in this class, or you wouldn't have taken it.

- **If you have TROUBLE WITH ATTENDANCE, please talk to Ms. Peacock and the school counsellor and CHOOSE A DIFFERENT CLASS.**

Grading: Each student gets 15 points per week if they do the following things:

You will receive 1 point each day for each thing -Total 5 pts:

- I arrived **on time** and **got my teaching supplies out on my own.**
- I followed the **school dress code** to make it easier to focus on learning.
- I put my **phone and earbuds in my locker** and my backpack in the front of the class!
- I set a **good example** for the students to follow by **listening and following teacher directions, showing respect, and keeping the classroom rules.**
- I was **positive** and **worked hard to help them learn and have fun.**

You lose 1 point each day for each thing you do not do. E.g., if you are late, you lose 1 point, and if you don't follow dress code, you lose another point, so for that day you would get 3 points instead of 5.

Before leaving class each day, each peer tutor will mark their Daily Participation Log and put it in the correct class box outside the classroom. Honesty is important. On PowerSchool, this part of your grade is called "Classwork".

Grading Continued: You can miss only 3 classes for the whole semester without it affecting your grade. You only get 3 absences for free. Once you reach your 4th absence, you start to lose points for each additional absence. You can only make up 3 absences for the entire semester. If you have extenuating circumstances, it is your responsibility to reach out to the teacher. If you are attending a school-sponsored activity, like a school choir trip, this will not count as an absence.

It is your responsibility to keep track of how many absences you have and make them up. We count absences for the whole semester, not for the quarter. Make-up work for absences can be turned in up until the end of each quarter. Your grade cannot be changed after the quarter ends. **Attendance counts for 70% of your grade.** On PowerSchool, attendance is called "Assessments"

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Your attendance counts for 70% of your grade, called Assessments

How to Make Up an Absence- Please pick up a form outside the classroom. Because of problems with plagiarism, your paper must be **handwritten**. **You need to write at least a 200-word essay.** We want **YOU to learn**. If you just copy and paste, you will not learn. Think about **YOUR** ideas. We also have the form on Canvas for you to print out. If you don't have a printer at home, write the following information on a piece of paper.

Full Name, Class Period,

Date of Your Absence, and Date You Turn in the Essay.

200-Word Essay

Source Information at the bottom of the paper!

Remember, you only have until the end of the quarter to turn in any make-up work.

Suggestions for Make-Up Essay:

*Write a paper about a specific disability, so you understand the students better.

*Write a paper about the best way to teach a person with specific disability.

*Watch at least a 20-minute video about a specific disability and write a summary

Helping our students is the most important part of being a peer tutor; that is why attendance is essential! We really need you here, and our students depend on you.

You can only make up 3 days of missed classes.

Please go over this form with your parents, explain it to them, and YOU will remember it much more easily. If you return the last page, you will receive a treat! We are excited you are here.

This is an experience that will make you happy!!

Something you will never forget!!

THANK YOU in advance for giving of yourself!!

You will learn and also make the world a better place!!!!!!!

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Student Name (print) _____

Student Name (signature) _____ Date _____

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Name (sign) _____ Date _____