



This means that students will be asked to read and discuss a great deal of material (and are expected to have all assigned reading completed on time), to write often with rigorous evaluation, and to participate in university modeled seminars. Students and parents need to be aware that this is not a “honors” class, but an opportunity to begin college work while still enrolled at North Forsyth High School. A.P. courses are, therefore, considered college classes and maintain the expectations of college classes (the most important requirements to understand and be prepared for are that late work is not accepted for credit and that students are expected to remain cognizant of and understand all assignment due dates).

**Course Description:** This yearlong, one credit elective course conforms to the College Board topics for the Advanced Placement Psychology Examination. This course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students will be exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. Course topics include: Psychological History and Approaches; Research Methods; Biological Bases of Behavior; Sensation and Perception; States of Consciousness; Learning; Cognition; Motivation and Emotion; Developmental Psychology; Testing and Individual Differences; Abnormal Psychology; Treatment of Psychological Disorders; and Social Psychology. Students are strongly encouraged to take the College Board AP Psychology Examination at the completion of this course in May. Significant outside reading and assignments should be anticipated as a part of the course. *\*\*Please understand some units include topics of a mature (sexual) nature. If you or your child is not comfortable with this, AP Psychology is not a recommended course.\*\**

**Standards:** Course Standards can be found at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/psych/topics.html>. There are fourteen standards which students will master through the completion of nine units.

I understand that this course will involve a great deal of effort and be conducted as a college course. I am ready and willing to put forth the effort necessary to succeed in this course.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this course will involve a great deal of effort and time management from my child. I also understand this course will be conducted as a college course. I believe that my son or daughter is ready and willing to do the work necessary to succeed in this course.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please hand your completed application to Dr. Houston prior to Feb. 23.*