



Course Information/Objective

The Grade 6 Study Skills course is designed to help students learn and develop study skills to make use of in all classes. This course will teach students effective techniques and strategies which they can utilize throughout their academic career. For Grade 6, the focus is on effective note-taking and revising strategies, studying for tests, and connecting with “study buddies”. In addition, concepts and skills such as time management and organization will be discussed and practiced. Much of this course is designed around participation in class discussions and activities.

Platform information

In this class we will be using Google Classroom as the online learning platform. Please check Google Classroom daily for assignments, due dates, discussions, and announcements.

For class discussions, we will be utilizing WebEx; links for discussions will be posted in our classroom.

Online Meeting Expectations

- Be on time - Be on time and prepared with your device charged. Close material and tabs from other classes. Make sure all tech works 5-10 minutes before the meeting.
- Mute yourself - Mute yourself right away to eliminate background noise.
- Presentation - Consider your surroundings and attire. Find a good spot in the home with few distractions and make sure you're wearing something appropriate for the day.
- Headphones - Use headphones if you have them. If your headphones or earbuds have a microphone, even better.
- Signals - Use hand signals:
 - Thumbs up = Yes/Thumbs down = No
 - Hand by ear = Can't hear
 - Raise hand = Have a comment
- Be Respectful - Follow the agreements of the group.
- Adhere to TRUF for appropriate use of technology

What to do if the system crashes/cannot access link/tech issues?

- Check the Google classroom at least every 5 minutes for updates or a new link
- Check your email at least every 5 minutes for updates or a new link
- If all of this is not working, check the remind app

Materials Needed

A pencil, pen (any color), highlighter (optional) and folder paper. Class work will be turned in through Google Classroom.

Grading

The grading policy for this class conforms to the school wide four point system, using success criteria and rubrics. Grades will be made up of the following:

- 50% Classwork/Homework/Projects
- 30% Participation
- 20% Tests/Quizzes

Homework is given as a means to practice newly learned concepts and skills; however, homework will be given on a limited basis. Participation will be graded by the students on a weekly basis. Tests/quizzes will be given occasionally to assess student learning and readjust instruction, as needed.

Grades will be updated the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Brief overview of classroom/behavior management

Students are expected to follow all school rules, Chapter 19 rules, and the three main classroom rules: Buccaneers are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. Take responsibility for your own words and actions and remember to think before you speak. If students choose to break the rules, they will following steps will be taken:

- 1) First offense: verbal warning
- 2) Second offense: Recess/lunch reflection, contact home
- 3) Third offense: Contact home and referral to office

Depending on the severity of the action, steps may be skipped. Each situation will be handled on an individual basis.

Retake/Makeup Policy

Students will be allowed to retake test/quizzes to show understanding and proficiency; the most recent score will be placed in the gradebook. Students will have until the week before the end of the quarter to turn in any missing work.

How/When to contact for additional support

Please email me whenever you have a question, krysta.yamamoto@k12.hi.us. I will respond within 24 hours. To help with communication this year, I will be using the Remind app. There will be more information to follow.

I will have office hours on Tuesday from 2:00 to 2:30 pm and Thursday from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. Links will be provided in the Google classroom. If you need more support or a different time, please contact me.

Parent Contact

Please be sure to update your Emergency Card as well as your contact information in Infinite Campus.