



Academic Workshop Syllabus

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Welcome to Academic Workshop in Room 851. My name is Ms. Leist and this is my eight year teaching at Drake High School. My goal is to do the best job I can and teach you about organizational and study skills. In addition, you will be learning how to self-advocate, prepare for tests, and apply effective learning strategies to your daily assignments. While doing this, I would like us to have fun, respect each other and learn from one another.

-Our agreed goals this year are to:

- Seek help on unfinished assignments
- Preview upcoming assignments/projects/tests/quizzes
- Get started on our work!
- Review learned concepts
- Finish tests/quizzes
- Start tests/quizzes early
- Develop better study and organizational skills
- Keep the space quiet
- Help others (teaching helps us learn!)
- Research transition vocational and post-secondary education opportunities

You will be expected to come to class prepared and ready to go. This means, please have all of the class materials you will need:

- 1.) Text books when needed
- 2.) Assignments from your classes
- 3.) Binder with paper
- 4.) Writing Utensils

Please remember to follow the class rules which include:

- 1.) Cell phones turned off and away at all times/Cell Phone Holder- see new school cell phone policy
- 2.) Sit in a seat where you can do your best learning
- 3.) Be respectful
- 4.) Be productive
- 5.) Be your own advocate!

Your grade will be based on your ability to be responsible and engaged in the class. You will be given daily points, ranging from 1-4, which address the following components:

- 1.) **Participation**- Ask questions, be involved in discussions, and advocate for yourself.
- 2.) **Organizational Skills**- Track your homework and class assignments. Demonstrate evidence of progress.
- 3.) **Binder Checks**- Maintain your binders with the necessary tabs per each of your classes.
- 4.) **Planner Checks**- Bring your agendas to class and record all necessary assignments for each class.

Please be aware of your usage of time. I am here to help you be successful in all of these areas, but I will need your dedication and motivation as well.

*This is a modified class and per Individualized Education Plans, grading will be adjusted as needed.

Grading Criteria:

100%-90%= A to A-

89%-80%= B to B-

79%- 70%= C to C-

69%-60%= D to D-

59%- 50= F

I am looking forward to a successful year with you all.