



Mr. Fairchild

Class Overview

Using current events, this elective course focuses on world and local issues that affect students' everyday lives, such as economics, government and conflict. This course uses newspapers, online media, cartoons and newscasts to support class discussions. Additionally students participate in group projects, presentations and work with primary sources materials and opinion pieces in order to better understand the world around them.

Expectations

1. Ready to learn — Prepared with proper learning tools daily
 - i iPad
 - ii Pen/Pencil
 - iii Notebook/folder
2. Respect for all involved in class
 - a. Respect the speaker
 - b. Respect and care of property
 - c. Maintain a safe classroom environment
3. Be Creative— Project and Student Based Assignments- Make them yours.
4. Give Honest Effort

Grading:

1. Competencies (assignments) — 30% of total grade.
2. Assessments— 70% of total grade.

Classroom Management

We are subject to the Orrick Student Handbook and discipline plan and expectations in the class.

1. First offense Verbal Warning
2. Second offense — Move to Safe Seat with a PAGE
3. Third offense —Buddy Room with a Detention
4. Fourth offense —Office referral

Units Covered in Class

Research Methods, Measurements and Statistics

Lifespan Development

Learning

Biological Bases of Behavior

Consciousness

Memory

Psychological Disorders

Social Interactions

Academic Honesty

I require and expect absolute academic honesty from my students. Any student suspected or caught cheating/plagiarizing in the class will be called in for an immediate Parent/Guardian Conference with an administrator and me. If academic dishonesty is proven, the student will receive a zero on the assignment and be given a detention at the very least.