High School Handbook

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SMITHVILLE SCHOLARS HOMESCHOOL CO-OP HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

TEACHER EXPECTATIONS

The teacher is expected to choose, plan, and prep the curriculum.

A syllabus is required for high school classes to help students, as well as parents, gain an understanding of the expectations of the class from the beginning of the semester. High school classes should have homework assigned each week as an hour to an hour and a half each week is not sufficient to cover material at this level. As a guideline, the course planning will be based on 120-130 hours with an emphasis on thinking and learning, rather than busywork, or completion of the curriculum.

Each class will be assigned aides. Aides should actively participate through grading coursework, participating in class, or assisting with the planning/prep for the class upon request of the teacher.

Teachers should stress, at the beginning of the semester, that students should come to class prepared and be ready to actively participate.

Teachers are expected to maintain discipline and demand respect from the students at all times.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

A high school ONLY Facebook page will be available with relevant information for high school students and parents.

Teachers will post assignments and class information on their class Google Classroom page by midnight on Sunday night.

Students are expected to check their homework assignments each week, contact the teacher with questions, and have their assignments in on time and complete each week. Students that are sick on the day of class should make arrangements with their teachers to turn in their assignments and are still expected to complete their assignments for the following week unless excused by the teacher.

Parents may be expected to assist in grading by a specific due date, and the teacher will assign them a final grade for their work. Rubrics will be provided so parents and students are clear on all expectations.

CLASS/STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Education, accountability, and participation are the main goals. Participation will be factored in when figuring the overall grade. Students should...

Finish all assignments and bring the finished work to class, on time.

Have any necessary supplies. Be ready to contribute during class discussions. Understand homework assignments are NOT optional. Disruptions should be kept to a minimum.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Parents are expected to partner with the teachers to make the year as successful as possible and maintain a high standard of learning for their student(s).

This may include getting students to class on time, grading papers, helping students prepare for class or complete assignments, buying necessary supplies students may require, etc.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The teacher has the right to determine whether electronic devices are allowed in their class and to what extent they may be used, if allowed.

DISCIPLINE AND CONSEQUENCES

The co-op leadership is always available to back up or assist teachers, if needed, when discipline issues arise.

Teachers and directors reserve the right to drop a student due to refusal to participate in class, more than 3 unexcused absences, consistently disrupting class, failing to come to class prepared each week, or failing to turn in 3 weeks' worth of assignments.

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