# Freshman Success

2020-2021 COURSE SYLLABUS



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# Supplies

An important part of middle school is developing effective organizational strategies and habits.

The following tools are recommended to help keep you organized:

- > Daily Agenda
- ≥ 3 Ring Binder
- > Chromebook or PC

### Course Description

This course is designed to provide basic information that is beneficial to all students new to Greenville Tech Charter High School. Included among the many topics covered are school policies, academic goals and career and college planning. During this course students will learn the strategies for study skills, notetaking, and MLA writing format. Students will also explore Growth Mindset and what is important in becoming a lifelong learner.

# Units of Study

- Career test & Exploration
- College Exploration
- Learning Inventories
- Nonfiction Readings
- > Journaling
- Goal Setting



#### "A MIND IS LIKE A PARACHUTE. IT DOESN'T WORK IF IT IS NOT OPEN." - Frank Zappa

#### Schedule

MONDAY – Office hours 9-10 & 1-2 TUESDAY- (B DAY) Live Learning (Synchronous) WEDNESDAY- (A DAY) Live Learning THURSDAY- Office Hours 9-10 & 1-2 FRIDAY- Office Hours 1-2:15

#### Online Norms

Videos must remain on during synchronous instruction.

Students do not have to be in dress code, but they should be cognizant that they are on camera and be dressed appropriately based on our "out of uniform" Reward Day guidelines (page 6 of the Student Handbook) - obviously, they will only be seen from the waist up, so some of these are less important than others.

All pants/shorts must be worn at the waist.

Jeggings/leggings must be worn with a shirt that is mid-thigh or longer.

Clothing that displays profanity, is provocative, reveals undergarments, or has suggestive phrases or advertisements is not permitted.

Shorts must be at least mid-thigh or longer. Jeans/pants with holes in them must not reveal visible skin.

Students should be sitting up - not laying down.

There should be a stable location for students and the background should not be distracting.

If there are other students or family in the room, they should wear headphones since other students are online with them taking part in the discussion.

#### Grading



Projects- 40% Classwork- 25% Homework- 15% Journaling-20%

Late work will be penalized with a 10 point reduction-daily- UNLESS THERE IS AN UNDERSTOOD TIME EXTENSION ALLOWED.

# Class Expectations



#### **BE PREPARED**

- Log into class on time. This means being in your seat at the start time, focused and ready to learn.
- Come to class with the necessary supplies.



#### BE RESPECTFUL

- Respect yourself and others.
- Respect our class time and set norms.



#### DO YOUR BEST

- Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.