

# BHS AVID SYLLABUS

## 2016-17

### **Course Title: AVID Elective Grades 9-12**

#### **Tutorials:**

Students participate in mixed group tutorials on block days during the AVID elective course. Each tutorial is worth 25 points and can be made up if class is missed. Tutorials will make up a minimum of 25% of students' overall grade.

#### **Organization:**

Students will be required to maintain a highly organized binder with space for materials from each academic course. There will be at least one grade entered each week for one or more of the following:

- Binder & Planner Check
- Grade Check
- Cornell Note Check
- Learning Log Check

It is imperative to have student evidence organized.

Weekly organization grade will make up a minimum of 25 % of students' overall grade.

#### **Curriculum:**

AVID's curriculum is divided into four other categories: Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, and Reading.

Students will participate in systematic, carefully designed thematic units, that build a foundation of skills to be successful in rigorous high school classes.

Themed Activities:

- Critical Reading Strategies
- Goal Setting
- Time Management
- Costa's Level of Questioning
- Philosophical Chairs
- Socratic Seminar
- College Admissions Support
- Test-Taking Strategies
- Public Speaking Practice
- Processed Papers
- College Visits
- Guest Speakers

The assignments above will make up the remaining 50% of the students' grade.

#### **Grading Policy:**

- 100-90 = A
- 89.9-80= B
- 79.9-70= C
- 69.9-60= D
- 59.9 & below = F

#### **Attendance Expectation:**

Students are responsible for attending all classes (with the exception of an absence excused by the school) and actively engaging in the day's lessons.

A student's attendance is crucial to his/her demonstration of proficiency in all school subjects.

#### **Late work policy:**

Work for each 6 week period can be turned in before the grading period ends. There will be a reasonable deduction of points for past due assignments. It is most important to make up work in core academic classes when absent from school.

Tutorials must be made up within 2 weeks of excused absence for full credit.

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