

**Reese High School  
Psychology Course Syllabus  
2017-2018**

**Course Title:** Psychology

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**Course Description-** Psychology is the study of behavior and mental processes. The origin of the field of psychology comes from biology, philosophy, and physiology. The fundamental questions of “Why do people behave the way that they do in certain situations?” and “How can people change their behaviors?” will be addressed during the course. Each student is sure to find one or more topics of interest that will hopefully motivate them to pursue individual research.

**The following are class expectations:**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The following are the course objectives:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of perspectives in psychology, research methods, terminology, and concepts in psychology.
2. Improve writing skills in regards to psychological content and technical aspects of writing.
3. Critically evaluate psychological issues presented to them in class.
4. Improve reading skills in regards to primary sources such as scholarly journals.

**COURSE GOALS:**

- Utilize a variety of study aids to increase overall memory level
- Analyze and research psychological issues
- Review scholarly publications in the field of psychology
- Think critically and logically about research findings using psychological terms
- Evaluate strengths and weaknesses in their own academic performances
- Be critical consumers of scientific research
- Improve writing skills
- Compare scholarly publications
- Analyze, interpret, and respond to stimulus-based data including charts, graphs, cartoons, and quotes

**Textbook: Psychology and You, McMahon & Romano**

**Additional Materials Students Need to Purchase for the Course:**

- 2” (or larger) three-ring binder with college-ruled loose leaf paper or a large spiral notebook
  - Pen and highlighters
  - **Course Grade:** The course grade will be graded according to the following activities and assignments:
    - **Homework**
    - **Tests, Essays, Presentations and Projects**
    - **Quizzes, Journal entries, Group work and In-Class Activities**
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**IMPORTANT POLICIES TO NOTE**

**LATE WORK POLICY**

I want all my students to be successful in this course. All assignments are an important part of this class and need to be completed on-time and prior to the beginning of the next class so that you will be successful. It is in your best interest to complete assignments in a timely manner while the class material is fresh in your mind and before the class moves deeper into the next topic or skill to be learned. Due dates and deadlines will be given for all marked work that will be a part of the grade. Inform me in advance if you know that you will be unable to complete the assignment on the due date so that the deadline can be adjusted.

Consequences for late work: Work handed in late shall be penalized 10% per day to a maximum of 100%. It is your responsibility to complete assignment.

If you miss the day the assignment was given you will be given an extra day to complete it. If you miss two days, you get two extra days, and so forth and so on.

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