

## **Resource Room: Course Outline**

Each student enrolled for one or more classes in the Resource room has been placed there by the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). Each has an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) outlining specific objectives he or she is to accomplish during the school year. Activities and assignments are designed to implement these objectives from each student's IEP. A variety of textbooks, high-interest books, teacher-made materials, workbooks, "talking" books, and the computer are used.

### **Assessment**

Assessment of student progress is made by teacher-made tests, tests accompanying materials, standardized tests, participation, and teacher observation. A 90%, 80%, 70%, 60% and less than 60% grading scale is used. Students are also encouraged to self-determine certain grades. Class participation is a necessary ingredient in the learning process and this is averaged in with test grades, homework grades, class work grades and attendance.

### **Attendance**

Attendance policy and classroom guidelines are consistent with those put forth by the school and will be strictly enforced. The Ellington policy states that three unexcused tardies equal one absence and five unexcused absences may result in an "F" in that class.

### **Homework**

Homework assignments are given several days a week and are usually a completion of on-going class assignments and/ or study. Research papers are assigned in the English classes and after class visits to the Media/ Information Center. Most of this work is to be done independently of regularly- assigned class work.

### **Class Supplies**

Mandatory items needed for class are listed on the back. All students are to have these items everyday in their possession five days after the class commences. Grades will be lowered if student fails to bring the necessary supplies to class.

### **"Study Buddy"**

A "study buddy" partnership has been set up in each class. It is highly recommended that the student calls their "buddy" if they are out of school or if they have questions about any schoolwork.

I invite all parents to come to school and observe their child in action. I am available for conferences from 8:00 to 8:30 am and from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Please call 282-0509 if you would like to schedule an appointment.

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