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English and History Courses

DESCRIPTION:

All levels of History or English are taken in the same classroom and are self-directed at the Peabody Learning Academy. Students work independently on their computers using GradPoint (online) to take lessons, quizzes, and tests. Students in all levels of English and History are expected to take in-depth notes, which they can use as study guides during quizzes. Students should ask Ms. Murray for assistance when they do not understand a concept or need help. One-on-one attention and tutoring is available 100% of the time.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a receptive and supportive environment for short- and long-term learning.
- To teach students skills in English and History that will help them to continue their educations after high school and/or procure jobs within their communities.
- To develop the social and study skills of students to help them become contributing members of a local and global society.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be required to keep an organized, dated notebook for each English and History course they take; notebooks will be checked and graded biweekly. Students will also take biweekly written quizzes in their English (vocabulary) classes. In History classes, students will complete geography-based assignments as part of their classwork grade. In English class only, students will be required to write one-page journals; it is recommended that they use an extra notebook or journal for this task. English students will also read one (1) independent reading book per quarter (for quarters 1-3). There is an assignment to accompany this book.

GRADING POLICY:

Students need a grade of 65% or higher to receive a passing grade. Grades of 64% or lower will result in a failure, and the student will need to repeat the coursework for the class.

10% Participation - You will receive a participation grade weekly

30% Classwork – Notebook checks, biweekly quizzes, independent reading assignments, journals

60% GradPoint –

25% Quizzes

25% Tests

10% Review Tests (Midterms and Finals)

ATTENDANCE:

In accordance with the Peabody Learning Academy contract and Peabody High School attendance policy, students will lose two (2) points for each class they miss. Students can make up these absences after school within ten (10) days of the absence. After ten days, the absence becomes permanent. More than sixteen (16) absences in a yearlong class will result in automatic failure.

CONDUCT:

All Peabody Learning Academy and PVMHS rules apply. In short, don't screw up.