Sociology

Mr. Miller- 2014-2015

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**What is Sociology?**

Sociology is the study of people and groups and their interactions in society. Sociology is a social science that is extremely thought provoking. Students will be required to address and assess various hypothetical and real life experiences related to human and societies’ behaviors. Sociology covers many opinionated issues. I encourage all students to share their thoughts and opinions. At the same time students must be considerate of others. Throughout this semester, we will be covering the following topics:

*Unit 1: Intro to Sociology Unit 3: Social Inequaliies*

Ch 1: What is Sociology? Ch 10: Social Class in the US

Ch 5: Sociological Research Methods

*Unit 4: Social Deviation*

Ch 8: Deviance and Social Control

*Unit 2: Culture*

Ch 2: What is culture? *Unit 5: Social Change*

Ch 3: Socialization Ch 21: Collective Behavior and Movements

**Grades**

Your grades will be determined based on the following weighted grading scale. Grades will be determined based on a normal scale: 97.5 - A+, 93.5 – A, 89.5- A- etc…

*Total Points (grades will not be weighted*)

**Homework**

The purpose of homework in Sociology is to help you develop a deeper understanding of important topics. It is your responsibility to take ownership of your assignments.

**Tests-Quizzes**

All tests will be announced, and will occur at the end of a major chapter or unit. Study guides will be provided at least two days in advance, either in paper form or posted on my website. Quizzes will be both announced and unannounced. If you are absent on a test day, you will have to make up your test during your lunch, study hall or before or after school. I am also available sixth and seventh periods to make up tests or for extra help.

**Papers and Projects**

You will be required to complete MLA formatted papers and technology-based projects this semester. The papers will range from 3-5 pages in length. Papers must be typed, double spaced, have 1-inch margins on all sides and be in font size 10, 11 or 12.

**This is a college-prep course! Absences do NOT excuse you from turning in projects. If you stay home from school the day a project is due, you must still email me your assignments at: bretta\_miller@hboe.org**

**Behavior:**

If behavior does not fit the expectations I have set, the following will occur:

**First time a student breaks a rule**: Warning

**Second time**: Call to parents

**Third time**: Friday detention after school

**Fourth time**: Sent to Principal

Severe misbehaviors such as fighting, severe disrespect or verbal abuse result in immediate removal from class to the principal’s office.

**Tardies:**

You must be in the room when the bell rings or you will be considered tardy. On your fourth tardy, you will receive a detention to be served Fridays after school.

**Cell Phones:**

Cell phone use is prohibited in class at any time. If I see your cell phone, I will take it and turn it in to the main office. This year, cell phones can only be claimed by a parent the next school day and continuous cell phone abuse will result in suspension from school. Please keep your cell phones off and stored appropriately.

**Hall Passes:**

You will be allowed to leave the classroom three (3) times each nine weeks with a hall pass. You must have your school issued planner to use the hall pass. There are hall passes in the back of your planner that you must have filled out and signed to leave the room.

**Absences:**

If you miss a day/days of school, it is your responsibility to get your makeup work. Check the assignment list on the bulletin board or website to find out what you missed. The website is: **www.hilliardschools.org.** YOU MUST make the effort to get your assignments; I will not track you down.

You have *one* day for *each* day you were absent to make up work. If something was due the day you were absent, and you were there the day it was assigned, it is due when you return. After your allotted make-up time, work will not be accepted so don’t ignore your responsibilities!! In order for you to make up work, absences must be excused or official.

**If at any time you have a question or don’t understand something please ask me. I want you to get the most out of this class that you possibly can, but that also requires LISTENING on your part. Let’s have a great semester!!!!!**

### **RESPECT**

Our Sociology classroom is a safe environment that will encourage all students to participate and express their opinions. We will **NOT** tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment on the basis of gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, etc… As a Sociology student, it is important to understand differences in our world, and celebrate diversity.