

The Rock Academy

Electives

2021-2022

High School Elective

Course Overview: College Prep

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Materials Supplies Needed for this Course:

Students MUST have the following:

- SAT or ACT Prep Book (*Do not order this until after we have determined which test will benefit your child most*)
- 3-ring Binder (1" or 1.5 ") + 5 Tab Dividers
- Notebook paper & Highlighters
- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Laptop

My Goals are that students:

- Are goal oriented and ambitious
- Feel prepared for standardized testing
- Find passion for their degree choice, but have an understanding that their passion may change
- Are confident in their decisions and who they were created to be

Overview:

In this course students will be prepared for life after high school. During our first semester students will begin, extensively, preparing for the SAT/ACT. Our lectures will be spent discussing strategies in both assessments. However, homework during this semester will be based on the test we have determined would be best suited for your child's strengths.

Our second semester will be focused on life after highschool. We will take tests to find out what careers are best based on each student's personality. Students will consider: salaries, school options, degrees to pursue, and how many jobs are available in the field they have interest in. Discussion on college applications and success strategies will be a primary focus during this semester. Our year will end with budgeting 101 where we explore "real life" scenarios and how to budget in school and after school.

What you can expect of the

Teacher:

- I will be professional, prepared, and on time.
- I will be available to you, the parent, so that our partnership will be successful.
- I will be attentive to each student and seek to develop their unique perspective as it pertains to problem solving, as well as, challenge him/her to reach his/her potential and be successful.

What I expect of

Parents: I need

Parents to:

- assist students in keeping up with the syllabus so that the work is turned in on time every week
- check FACTS AT LEAST once per week and review your child's progress (if possible allow students to have access to their gradebook)
- provide the necessary assistance when a student struggles (suggestions would be:
1. Help him/her with homework; 2. Help him/her study and/or with supplies for projects;

What I expect of Students

Students will:

- complete the weekly lessons and turn them in on time (This is EXTREMELY important)
- ask questions and participate actively in class—PLEASE contact me if you need help!
- not associate their worth with a letter grade Self-esteem should NOT be tied to letter grades. Preparing for college is an exciting experience, and this course is designed to make the transition from high school to college easier.

Grading: Grades are given to a variety of assessments, tasks, and projects. Do not get upset or feel defeated if you get a poor grade on an assessment. It is important that students do well on tests and independently master the content concepts. Grades are weighted as follows:

- **60% Homework**
- **40% Participation in Class Discussion**
- **20% Binder**

EXTRA CREDIT is NOT offered in this course as this course is not designed that way.

How to Get an 'A' in this Class:

- Turn your completed and graded homework in ON TIME!
- Keep a great notebook AND take notes.
- Take notes at home for class discussion
- Work consistently every day. Do not make it a habit to let your homework pile up or do it all in one day.
- Get help when you need it.

Absences: The TRA Policy is to give students one extra class period to turn in work due to an EXCUSED absence. If you should need more time to get caught up, it is up to the parent to contact the teacher and work out additional due dates. **Assignments that are 2 weeks past the original due date are given zeros.** Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to: sleeping in and not contacting the school in advance in writing for a planned absence. (There is a Planned Absence Form that MUST be filled out in advance.) **You can lose your seat in the class if you miss more than 4 classes.**

TESTS: Some tests are proctored at home and some are given online or in class. **Students may take exams in study hall and guided study (Teacher in Guided Study must be the ones to sign take home forms).** On occasion, corrections can be made on a test with a failing score to bring up the grade to passing only (70%). Cheating is grounds for dismissal from the class and/or school. Students are not to receive any outside assistance during a test.