

Policies and Procedures; Bingham's Class Advanced Placement Psychology (AP Psych)

I'm excited to begin the 2018 -19 school year with you, and the most important thing parents and students should know about me is this: my primary commitment is to your growth as a student, a lifelong learner, and as an ethical human being. I probably want you to be successful more than you do. I love this stuff! So here are the most important things you (adults and students) need to know.

1. **98% of what you need to know, or will likely want to know, can be found on my web site, BinghamPlace.com or the on-line grade book.** Seriously.
2. This is a college class. During our time, we will discuss a variety of topics related to the human mind. These include;
 - Human sexuality
 - Deviant behavior
 - Darwinian evolutionParents and guardians, please consider your student in light of these topics. If you are not comfortable with this, AP Psych may not be appropriate for your student at this time.
3. I hate cheating. If you cheat, I'll give you a zero, refer you to the administration for discipline, never write you a letter of recommendation, and make it my mission in life to ensure that everyone knows you are a dirty little cheater. Oh, and my soul will die a little every time I look at your face.
4. The entire course is laid out for the entire year on the class calendar (see #1 above). Compare that calendar to your own life events, and plan accordingly. For example, you will be reading over school breaks.
5. Both semesters count for weighted grade point average, however, only the Spring semester will show as "AP Psychology" on your transcript.
6. I only have, and will ensure you comply with, three simple rules;
 - **Listen** when someone is talking, especially if that someone is me!
 - **Engage** your brain (students often make the fatal mistake of thinking that the current activity does not apply to them.)
 - **Perform exactly** the work I instruct you to do, the way I instruct you (please honor me with your trust.)
7. School supplies, see #1 above.
8. Grading policies:
 - Almost every time I see you, you will be assessed in some way.
 - Reading checks count for 45% of your grade.
 - Summative assessments (open ended tests or essays) are 45% of your grade.
 - Labs are 10% of your grade.
 - Completing flash cards earns you 7 additional points on a unit test (summative).
 - The semester final counts as 20% of your semester grade.

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