2019/20 Freshman Transition Seminar Syllabus

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Course Overview

The Freshman Experience is a course designed to help incoming freshmen build the skills necessary for success in high school. In this course, you will learn both academic skills and personal responsibility strategies. You will also have the opportunity to work on daily and long term assignments for your other courses both independently and in small groups. We will also practice working with school-based technology such as Aspen and Google Classroom.

Course Objectives

Students will...

- Improve study, organization, technology, and time management skills
- Initiate tasks independently
- Transition smoothly into high school
- Stay on top of current and upcoming assignments throughout all classes

Grading

Daily Participation - 40% Organization - 20% Agenda - 20% Progress Reports - 20%

Expectations

- Students will place phones in the designated area at the beginning of every class
- Students are responsible for maintaining agenda on a daily basis
- Students will develop and maintain an organizational strategy for their academic classes
- Students will consistently track their grades in Aspen
- Students will use all class time productively

Materials

- Chromebook
- Agenda
- Relevant work from other academic courses