

# AP Psychology

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## Course Overview

AP Psychology course introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. While considering the psychologists and studies that have shaped the field, students explore and apply psychological theories & key concepts associated with such topics as the biological bases of behavior, sensation & perception, learning & cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatments of psychological disorders, and social psychology.

Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology is a college-level course and therefore students have the opportunity to earn 3 hours of college credit contingent upon their AP Exam Scores in May. The minimum required score for most schools across the nation and in Texas is a 3 or higher on the exam.

## Mission Statement

Rockwall High School values quality education and strives to be an exemplary school by providing students with the expertise needed to allow them to become inquiring, self-directed, high-achieving learners with a global perspective.

## Classroom Culture

In my classroom, both myself as the teacher and each of my students are responsible for establishing and maintaining a **positive, safe, and supportive learning community**.

Our classroom culture is built upon the following principles:

- *No one has the right to interfere with the learning of others.*
- *Participation is the key to learning.*
- *Communication requires respect and understanding.*
- *Everyday be open to reflect, revise, & grow.*
- *Be a self-advocate; never be afraid to ask for support!*
- *Always respect each other's mental and physical health!*

## Grading Policy

Daily Work:

**30%**

Summative Work:

**70%**

(tests, essays, projects)

### **Make Up Policy:**

If you are absent from class for any reason, it is **YOUR** responsibility to check Canvas for any missing work. If you have any questions about the assignment, please Mrs. Reidlinger via email or Canvas Inbox.

If you are absent on a test day, you have up to **one week** to make up the test; schedule with the teacher.

**Retest Policy:** Per district policy, students will be allowed to take a retest for up to a maximum grade of a 70 if they failed to pass any unit test this year. If a student wishes to retest, they will need to communicate with their teacher and schedule a tutorial session to do so.

**Late Work Policy:** Per district policy, any daily assignments received late will follow the **15,30,50 rule**. *1 Day/Block Late-* deducted by 15 points; *2 Days/Blocks Late-* deducted by 30 points; *Three or More Days/Blocks Late-* only be eligible to receive up to 50% of the original assigned points.

***No late work will be accepted after the last day of each grading period.***

## **Tutorials**

Tutorials are available every week the following days, however you may schedule an appointment for another time/day. Additional sessions will be offered prior to AP exam




- Tuesday before-school **(8-8:30am)**
- Thursday before-school **(8-8:30am)**

## **Textbook**

The textbook used for this course is Myers 2<sup>nd</sup> edition AP Psychology. Students will be issued out an individual textbook to use during the school year, but it is the student's responsibility to maintain the condition of the textbook and return after the AP exam/prior to the end of the school year.

Students will be expected to read and take notes from the textbook at home. There will also be a digital version available for all learners.

## **Technology**

	<p><b>AP Classroom</b> Students are required to join AP Classroom for each AP course they are taking this year. Registration will be done in class the first week of school. This new instructional tool designed by CollegeBoard provides online learning support including personal progress checks, review videos, and will be the platform which students will take most of their online assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Students will enroll in their section during class the first week of school.</b></li><li>- <b>To access, go to <a href="https://myap.collegeboard.org/">https://myap.collegeboard.org/</a></b></li></ul>
	<p><b>Canvas</b> All coursework (daily assignments, homework, assessments, notes) will be assigned and submitted using <b>Canvas</b> this year! Students are expected to check daily as well as utilize the Inbox feature to reach out to their teachers for support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Students will be pre-enrolled into Canvas for all courses based on their Skyward schedule.</b></li></ul>
	<p><b>Remind</b> In addition to Canvas, we will also be using REMIND to keep students and parents notified about upcoming test days, assignment due dates, and any other important reminders. This is a safe, private, educational Texting Application that sends FREE text or email notifications directly to your phone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>To join TEXT the message <a href="https://text.reidpsych1.com">@reidpsych1</a> to the phone number 81010</b></li></ul>

## **AP Exam Information**

While not mandatory, taking the AP exam is highly encouraged for all students taking AP Psychology as it is their only opportunity to earn college credit for the course. The exam will last 2 hours consisting of two sections; 100 multiple choice questions and 2 Free Response Questions (FRQ).

**WHEN?** Tuesday May 3, 2022 at noon

**HOW TO REGISTER/PAY?** RHS utilizes Total Registration for online registration and payment. More information to come.

## **Course Expectations**

### WORK LOAD:

As a college-level course, students are expected to be actively reading and taking notes at home each day. In class, we will be drawing from these notes through class discussion, application-based activities, and analytical writing. Students will also have frequent reading-check quizzes (some unannounced) to ensure they are keeping up with the required reading. Students may also have additional homework aside from the required reading.

In class, students are expected to be engaged and actively participating in all class discussions.

### CONTENT ADVISORY:

In this class we will examine topics that could be deemed as mature and/or controversial including but not limited to gender, ethnicity/race, drug use, abuse, and mental health.

***Agreeing with any of the theories and perspectives discussed in this class is NOT required, however a multi-perspective view on this content is required by the Texas Essential Standards of Knowledge and CollegeBoard and as such could be assessed on the AP exam.***

Therefore, with the nature of this course, it is imperative and expected for all students to...

- Keep an open-mind to expand their understanding of the content
- Always communicate about any content material and viewpoints in a respectful way
- Be willing to examine your own beliefs in the context of others' that may be different



