

Course Title: Creative Thinking 7-Study Skills

Room: A3.6

Course Description: The Creative Thinking 7-Study Skills course is designed to empower students with skills to become effective learners and be successful in their school career. The content includes short / long term goal planning, ownership and responsibility for their education. Establishing and maintaining organization strategies for binders and agendas, time management skills and note taking methods. Collaborative Learning skills will be instilled to foster the ability to work with their colleagues through the use of long-term projects in team situations. There is an emphasis on writing reinforcement using the 6+1 Writing traits along with communication and discussion skills. Professional and social etiquette (PSE) with civility will be reinforced in different situations throughout the course.

Course Goals/Objectives/Standards: Completion of the Creative Thinking 7/Study Skills course will enable the students to:

- **Maintain an organization system concerning their binder and agenda.**
- **. Manage their time more effectively.**
- **Implement a Note-taking system throughout their classes.**
- **Understand individual learning styles and its impact on their educational success.**
- **. Exhibit appropriate professional and social etiquette/communication in different situations.**

- **Work in collaborative groups with their peers and establish long and short-term goals.**

- **Develop knowledge of higher-level vocabulary; strengthen grammar and writing skills. Develop higher thinking level skills.**

- **Become aware of test-taking strategies, critical thinking/reading skills.**

- **Strengthen problem-solving skills.**

Concepts and skills to be accomplished this year:

1st Semester

Organizational Skills

Long/Short term goal planning

Learning Styles

Brain Dominance

Multiple Intelligences

Time Management

Note taking and Outlining skills

1st/2nd Semesters

Test Taking Strategies

PSAT and other higher level Vocabulary

Spelling, decoding-phonetic skills and grammar reinforcement

Critical Thinking/Reading Comprehension Skills

Civility, Professional and Social Etiquette

Collaborative Learning Projects

Mental Math/Problem Solving skills for M.S.

Journal and other forms of writing

Portfolio activities

Course Grading/Assessment:

The following criteria will be used for grading purposes:

Binder Evaluations/ Cornell Note Checks

Writing- Grammar -Vocabulary Activities

Individual/classwork/Homework

Quizzes/Tests on various curriculum concepts

Group Projects

7th Grade Subject related activities

Professional attitude with work