

Special Education/SDC
Instructor: Mrs. Von Allman

Special Education/SDC classes are designed to focus on skill development that will increase the student's chances for success not only throughout high school, but also life. Classroom conduct, study skills and social skills will be emphasized to increase success and provide a positive influence on the student.

Special Education/SDC classes will be broken into four distinct sections: Life Skills, Personal Development, Current Issues and Vocational Training. In each of these sections, more basic skills such as english, math, science and social science will be taught in order to provide a broad-based learning. Also, the Special Education department, along with the library and computer lab, will introduce research skills and the introduction and development of computer skills for all students at Dos Palos High School.

<u>Grading</u>	Letter grades will be earned for the following overall percentages:
	100-90% A
	89-80% B
	79-65% C
	65% and below F

Completion of class assignments and homework is essential to passing this course as well as All BENCHMARKS being met in order to achieve a satisfactory grade in the class. A list of the BENCHMARKS is posted in class and available upon request.

Note to parents: Some Special Education students often find it difficult to adjust to the change that high school provides. It is very important for parents to have a "significant" part in their children's education. Every effort is made to ensure the success of students in Special Education, but parental support makes the difference between success and failure for most students.

Classroom Rules and Policies

General

1. Students should give their best effort at all times.
2. Food, candy and beverages are not permitted in class.
3. All work must be turned into the designated period basket.
4. Turning in late work is discouraged. Points will be deducted.
5. Students are responsible for bringing materials to class. Failure to do so will result in a tardy.
6. Students should enter the classroom quietly and immediately begin daily assignments before tardy bell rings. Failure to do so will result in a tardy.

7. All materials must be put away and students must be seated quietly in their assigned seat before being dismissed. The bell does not dismiss you, the teacher does.
8. Bathroom passes may not be used during instructional time.
9. District dress code, tardy and absence policies will be enforced.
10. Respect and Responsibility will be enforced.

Absences

1. If a test, assignment, etc. is missed, it is the student's responsibility to find out from the instructor what was missed upon returning to class. Students will have the same amount of time for completion as their peers to receive full credit
2. Major research assignments must be turned in on the due date regardless of absence.
3. Dos Palos High School now has a "mandated" school policy which states that 13 absences will result in NO credits for that class. Check Student Handbook for further information.

Tardies

1. Students are required to be in their seats with their materials and working when the tardy bell rings. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a tardy.
2. If the student is tardy due to a valid reason (as described by school policy), it is the students responsibility to bring a note to excuse the tardy.

Both students and parents are encouraged to contact me at suitable times to discuss the student's progress, express concerns, etc. I can be reached at 392-2131 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on each weekday.

Student's Signature Date

Parent's Signature Date