

7th Grade Peer Counseling Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to provide opportunities to become successful in all classes and a responsible student. The purpose of this course is to enable students to further develop awareness of self and others.

ASSESSMENT:

Students' grades will be determined by the following:

- A) Class assignments/projects in all other classes
- B) Test & Quizzes completed in other classes
- C) Class participation – this includes but is not limited to readiness to begin class, following directions, & cooperating with class procedures.
- D) Bell Ringers completed in other classes
- E) Tracking your progress sheets

CLASSROOM RULES:

- ❖ “Five Golden Guidelines”
 1. Be on time and where you are supposed to be.
 2. Be prepared and on task.
 3. Ask for what you need.
 4. Strive for excellence and always do your best.
 5. Respect the rights, responsibility, and property of others.
- ❖ VCMS rules as noted in the Student Agenda Planner. You will be held accountable for your actions according with these regulations.
- ❖ No food, gum, or candy in the classroom.
- ❖ Water is allowed in the classroom. **No glass containers!**

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

Each minute I have with you is very important therefore the following procedures will be followed every day. At the beginning of class you should place your backpack under your desk or to the side of your feet. Please be in your assigned seat with your textbooks, notebooks, and other appropriate materials when you hear the tardy bell.

- Demonstrate positive character traits (kindness, trust, honesty)
- Demonstrate productive character traits (patience, thoroughness, hard work)
- Demonstrate a level of concern for others.
- *Do not touch anyone else's belongings.*
- Dismissal at the end of class – ***The bell does not dismiss you, I do.***
- Please clean your area by throwing away all trash that you have generated and put things back when you are finished. When the classroom is in order and all students are in their seats, I will dismiss you to leave.
- Students will **not** be allowed to leave the classroom for any reason without signing the Google form
- Students will be allowed to come to class drop off your materials and use the restroom before class starts. Students may not leave my classroom to use the restroom unless it is an emergency.

CONSEQUENCES:

Consequences result because you choose not to conduct yourself as expected. Please make good choices. You are responsible for the above expectations. If you are unable to make appropriate choices refer to the School Wide Behavior Management Plan.

Classroom Behavior:

1 st Offense	Warning
2 nd Offense	Warning/teacher assigned consequence
3 rd Offense	Warning and Parent Contact
4 th Offense	Detention
5 th and Future Offenses	Referral/administration assigned consequence

Tardy Consequences:

1 st & 2 nd Tardies	Verbal Warning
3 rd Tardy	Parent Contact
4 th Thru 8 th Tardies	assigned an after school detention
9 th Tardy	Detention and Parent Contact
10 th Tardy	Referral to administration

❖ **Cell Phone and Smartwatch Policy**

Cell phones, smart watches and any other communication devices may not be used while on campus. If you feel your child must have one of these electronic devices, it must remain in their backpack, **TURNE D OFF** while at school. Texting and videotaping are not permitted anytime during the school day.

Students are not to call, text, or message their family members during the school day. If students need to reach a member of their family, they can use one of the phones in the main office. You can help us enforce this policy by not texting your children and calling or answering their calls during the day. Students with a device visible and/or using a device anywhere at school will have their device taken for the remainder of the school day. The teacher who takes the phone or smartwatch will turn it into the main office for the parent to pick up, and the student will receive a consequence for their choice.

AR READING PROCEDURES

- ❖ On Friday, each student will be required to AR read. Students who have completed their AR books prior to their class period must have a new book to read. Students are required to go to the Media Center on their own time, before or after school. Points for AR day will be deducted and an additional assignment will be issued if any student does not have an AR book to read. Students will not be allowed to check out books during class time.

GRADING SCALE:

- ❖ Our class will be based on grades earned in other classes. This class is a support system for success in your child's school day. The grades received in this class are an average of all of your student's core subjects. Once a month I will average your student's daily grades together and that will be their grade in my class.

90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
0 - 59	F

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:

I am always available to any student or parent requesting additional assistance. Please feel free to call me at the school (352) 259-0044, or email me at chris.anderson@tvcs.org

- ❖ **Cell Phones** – Each time a cell phone is taken away from a student, it will be turned into the front office for parent pickup.