



Advisory: Reading Intervention

Syllabus, Rules, Procedures and Expectations

Vikie's Classroom
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Course Goals

This 30 minute period is titled “Advisory”. It’s a short amount of time that is a “warm-up” for the day ahead. This year each advisory class will be focusing on improving literacy for each students. My group of students will complete 4 books by the end of the semester as well as tracking their time and interpreting what they read so that we can gage comprehension.

Daily Expectations

- Be in your seat by 8:00 am each morning.
- Retrieve your book, newspaper or magazine.
- Keep up the reading log each period
- Keep conversations to a minimum so as not disturb others that are reading.
- Upon finishing a book complete the book report questions for each.
- Complete assignments by the scheduled due dates.
- Participate in group projects and class activities.
- Be on time and prepared to learn.
- Be an active participant in your education.

Classroom Rules

- Food is only allowed in designated areas outside the classroom.
- Water in a clear capped container is allowed except near computers.
- Gum is not allowed in the class and must be disposed of before entering.
- Cell phones are turned off and are out of sight during class at all times. They will be confiscated.
- Earphones and music players are not allowed at any time.

Using The Pass

- All students need to ask before leaving the room and taking the pass.
- Each student must sign out on the clipboard by the door before leaving the room.
- Write clearly.
- Each student must take the classroom pass with them and return it to its place upon returning.
- Students can only leave the classroom once during the period and for no more than a few minutes.
- If a student consistently asks to leave the room on a daily basis they will be referred to the Deans.
- Students may not use the pass to go into another classroom or visit with other students.
- You may only go to the destination you signed out for if you need to go somewhere else you must return and sign out again.

When entering the class...

- **Get your book**
- **Get your reading log packet**
- **Take your seat**
- **If you have missed any work it is your responsibility to find and get the work.**
- **This is not a group class you are to do reading on your own.**

Seat Assignments

- For the 1st week students may select their own seat.
- Seats will be assigned as of the 2nd week.
- Students are to take their assigned seats after retrieving their folder and notebook from the filing cabinet.
- If there is a problem with a seating assignment speak with the instructor in private (preferably after school).

Grading Policy

- There are a total of 20 pts for each day
- If you arrive 5 minutes late for class you begin the day with 15 pts.
- If you arrive 10 minutes late for class you begin the day with 10 pts.
- If you arrive 15 minutes late you cannot earn any points for the day since the class is only 30 minutes in length. Arriving 15 minutes late means you have missed half the period.
- Arriving 15 minutes late means you are marked absent for the period.

Grading Policy

- **RCCHS will no longer use No Marks (NM) when a student does not pass a course.**
- **The points/grades for the course are averaged into your Core classes (Math, Science, English, Social Studies)**
- **Attendance for this class will affect your Core classes seat time and grades. This is not a zero period at other schools which does not count.**
- **To make up seat time you will have to sign a contract per RCCHS policy.**

Points Breakdown

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- **Attendance** 20 pts per day
- **Book Reports** 50 pts each
 - (4 required per semester)
- **Book Rpt Presentations** 50 pts each
 - (4 required per semester)

EXTRA CREDIT:

If you read more than the 4 required books you may use those points to make up for excused absences. These points are tallied at the end of the grading period.

Class Web Page & Contact Info.

- <http://vikkiesclassroom.weebly.com/advisory-reading-intervention.html>
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Course Plan

<u>Week / Dates</u>	<u>Monday - Thursday</u>
1)Aug 30 - Sept 2	Academic Benchmarking
2)Sept 7-9	Course introduction Book 1
3)Sept 13-16	Book 1
4)Sept 20-23	Book 1
5)Sept 27 - 29	Book Report 1 & Presentation due
6)Oct 4-7	Book 2
7)Oct 11-14	Book 2
8)Oct 18-21	Book 2
9)Oct 26-28	Book 2
10)Nov 1-4	Book Report 2 & Presentation due
11)Nov 8-10	Book 3
12)Nov 15-18	Book 3
13)Nov 22-24	Book 3
14)Nov 29 - Dec2	Book 3
15)Dec 6-9	Book Report 3 & Presentation due
16)Dec 13-16	Book 4
17)Jan 3-6	Book 4
18)Jan 10-13	Book 4
19)Jan 18-20	Book Report 4 & Presentation due