

Academic Support 2018-19
Classroom Rules, Expectations, and Grading
Mr. Racette (Room 324)

The purpose of Academic Support is to provide students with an environment in which they can develop their academic independence, with decreasing teacher support. This course will focus on problem solving, organization, time management, planning, and goal setting. In addition to addressing these key skills to academic success, students will be able to address concerns related to their current course work.

Class Schedule

Throughout this school year, we will keep the following regular schedule for Academic Support periods:

- Day 1 – Organization Checks -- We will organize all folders and notebooks for other Academic areas. Please be sure to bring **all** of your materials.
- Day 3 – Calendar Check – We will review your agenda books to make sure that all upcoming tests, quizzes, and long term projects are accurately recorded.
- Day 4 – Free – The Academic Support class that you are used to from years past. Be ready to work for 70 minutes!
- Day 5 – Individual Check Ins. You will spend 5-10 minutes working with me, to make sure that you are caught up on all of your work and don't need any special attention anywhere.
- Day 7 – Student Surveys – You will complete an informal survey (read: UNGRADED) to let me know how you're doing—how you're feeling about school, your other classes, and whatever else might be going on in your life.

Grading

Your grade in academic support will be calculated using the following weights

- 50% Agenda Review
- 30% Organization Rubrics (25 points every Day 1)
- 20% Preparation (Arriving to class on time with all required materials)

Classroom Expectations

- **This class will have a zero tolerance cell phone policy**
- The Winthrop High School student handbook defines a clear school policy on Electronic Devices in class, it reads as follows:
 - "Cellular phones... are not allowed in classrooms during school times. Students are NOT allowed to use cell phones during class time at Winthrop High School."

- The use of a cell phone at any time during the class period will result in that cell phone being confiscated and turned into the main office. The parent will be called to pick the cell phone up, and an administrative detention will be assigned. Further consequences for continued offenses are outlined in the Student Handbook, page 53.
 - Students who feel they are at risk of using their cellphone at a time when it is not permitted may place their phone in a box on my desk at the start of the class period.
- Every day, students are to write down whatever homework is assigned for each and every class that they take. If no homework has been assigned for a particular class, students will be expected to write down "None".
- As I am checking your agenda book, you will tell me what you plan on working on that day, and **why** that assignment is your priority. I expect you to come to class with the necessary materials each day, and work diligently throughout the period.