



# Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

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## Psychology 2014-2015

### Course Description:

This academic elective open to juniors and seniors only, is a basic course in the science of psychology with an opportunity to understand the individual's behavior as well as that of others. This is a half-year course which includes such topics as how we learn and how we can improve learning, intelligence and its measurement, personality and popularity, heredity versus environment, and mental health. An emphasis is placed upon observation, class participation, independent research and topical discussion with guidance.

### Course Content:

The course will study the human mind and its effects on human behavior. This is a survey course that will briefly cover a variety of topics. Including an introduction to Psychology, the Mind-body Connection, Learning and Cognition, Development, Personality, Health and Adjustment, and Social Psychology.

### Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

#### Psychology Principles in Practice

Publisher: Holt McDougal

### Course Requirements:

Each student is required to complete all projects, tests and assignments. Failure to do so will affect the student's overall grade.

### Grade Components/Assessments:

The following methods will be used to assess and evaluate student performance:

Tests/ Quizzes; Homework; In Class Activities/Participation; Writing Assignments; Projects.

Each marking period is worth 40% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	40%
Quarter 2	40%
<b>Final</b>	<b>20%</b>

### Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

No summer reading or assignments are required.