



# Southern Lehigh School District

Middle School Syllabus

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Strategies (0528) 2014-2015

### Course Description:

This course is designed to provide 8<sup>th</sup> grade students' with additional skills and strategies to help them achieve success in all areas of school and beyond. The book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, by Sean Covey, provides the framework for the class. This course also seeks to assist students with goal setting and implementation. Students will demonstrate these skills and strategies by completing various in class assignments and projects.

### Course Content:

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw

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

1. The text will be provided at the onset of the quarter, and will remain in the classroom throughout the course.

### Text:

*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey

### Course Requirements:

Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:

- Notebook Paper
- Pocket Folder
- Pens/Pencils
- Highlighter
- Agenda
- While not required, a flash drive is recommended so students can easily transport their documents between school and home.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
<b>Midterm</b>	<b>10%</b>
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
<b>Final</b>	<b>10%</b>

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

None