

Course Overview:

This class will emphasize learning skills for success in junior high school. Students in this class will be taught skills required for success in the classroom: setting goals, managing time, taking notes, studying, taking tests and organization. Students will learn specific procedures for completing assignments, memorizing information, previewing content of a chapter and how to actively read expository materials.

Course Outline:

The function of the Study Skills class is as follows:

- To help the students **prepare** for their class instruction by **previewing the new lessons**.
- To help them **study and prepare** for tests.
- To facilitate reading or explanation of test materials.

In addition to **planning**, the following will be emphasized:

Critical Reading	Note-Taking
Reasoning Skills	Research
Writing	Test-Taking
Vocabulary	Math Skills
Following Directions	Organization

Curriculum/Textbooks:

We expect to have a full set of textbooks for all core classes and electives. They are available for use **only while in study skills**, since the students have their own set of textbooks at home and their designated classes.

Grading:

Study skills class work will include daily warm-ups, point charts, and class material organization. Team class assignments will be the time for the students to focus on their core classes.

Homework Policy:

Homework will not be assigned for Study Skills. I will be in close contact with all of the teachers and acting as a liaison, to encourage students to work to their optimum performance and complete their assignments.

Expectations:

- Be Ready.... Arrive **on time**, prepared to learn, be enthusiastic, and stay on task!
- Be Respectful... Show courtesy to each other and to your teacher... help others when needed!
- Be Responsible... Complete your assignments on time, give your best effort, and be thoughtful!
- Be a Rule Follower... All school rules will be enforced within my classroom!
- Your attendance is most important and directly related to student success.

Binder Reminders:

- Reminders will be checked and signed during study skills. Assignments are also reviewed during advisory.
- Please refer to the visual schedule for the use of binder reminders during the day.

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This is an ELECTRONIC tear-off!

Dear parent, please e-mail me (JHOOPER@HARTDISTRICT.ORG) with the name of your child and your name so I may keep it in my records should I need to contact you for any reason. I can get phone numbers and email from our school database, but it is beneficial to double check emails for accuracy.

Please also feel free to e-mail me with any (or all) of the following:

1. Something special or unique I should know about your child.
2. Something great about junior high that you remember when you were going to school.
3. Your hopes for your child's eighth grade year here at Rio Norte and on Team Rio Verde.

If you don't have e-mail, or are experiencing technical difficulties, you may submit the above information in written form and send it back to me with your child. This assignment is due on _____ It's worth 10 points.