

Syracuse Arts Academy
Advisory Disclosure Statement, 2013-2014
Teacher: Mrs. Petersen

Class Goals: Every student will learn and practice social skills for the classroom, for the workplace, and for general social situations.

Every student will learn how to fill out a planner and organize homework assignments.

Every student will learn independent study techniques, including some practice on reading and summarizing text books.

Every student will learn how to create action plans and goals, including breaking a large task into smaller steps.

Every student will learn what it means to advocate for themselves and participate in self reflection activities that are designed to help student identify their own strengths and weaknesses.

(Please note that advisory allows only about 15 minutes a week for homework time. The rest of the time is spent in learning skills associated with our goals)

Contact: I have open office hours every Monday that school is in session from 3:30-4:30pm. If you have questions or concerns come and talk to me. There will be a class blog linked from the Syracuse Arts Academy website. I can also be reached at bpetersen@syracuseartsacademy.org.

Classroom expectations and responsibilities:

Rules are posted in my classroom. Students will be rewarded for following the rules, and there will be consequences for failure to follow rules. All rules will be followed as outlined in the student handbook.

We will have periodic drawings for students who are following the rules and students who can prove to me that they do not have any missing assignments. These prizes can vary from small coupons to Legos or comic books and donations are always appreciated.

Required Supplies: Supplied by parents: The 3 ring binder or other folder that students use all day and a writing utensil (pencil or pen). Supplied by school: homework folder, planner

Homework Policy: There will be periodic homework assigned, they will be posted on my advisory blog and written in their planners. These count for 30% of your grade and they are to be completed outside of class.

Grading:

Your grade in advisory will be calculated as follows:

50% for Responsibility (this is earned by planners, binders, and homework folders that will be checked);

30% for homework and assignments

20% group work/social skills (this is earned through rubrics that focus on using the social skills that are taught in supervised class exercises)

Citizenship Grades and Tardies: All students will begin each quarter with an "S" in citizenship.

Students will be allowed 2 tardies before the citizenship grade drops. On the 3rd tardy, the citizenship grade drops to an "N". On the 4th tardy, it will drop to a "U". Tardies must be made up *after school*.

Citizenship grades will also be dropped for irresponsible behavior and failure to follow expectations. A grade of "H" in citizenship must be earned through responsible behavior.

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____