

Cosby High School

Leadership

Fourth Block - Room 27

Instructor: Derek Driskill

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Syllabus

Contact Information:

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Sign up for Remind App:

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Required Class Materials:

Notebook/Binder/Folder

Paper

Pencil

Chromebook

Online Resources:

- **Remind App:** This will be used as a primary mode of taking attendance for remote days/quarantine days, as a primary mode of communication during remote days, and as a primary mode of communication with parents about their child.

Course Information

This course is designed to inspire and develop the leadership skills of high school students. Throughout the semester, we will explore various aspects of leadership, including effective communication, goal setting, decision-making, and adaptability. Engaging discussions, guest speakers, interactive activities, and real-world leadership challenges will be woven into the curriculum to provide a hands-on learning experience. Students will have the opportunity to discover their leadership style, build self-awareness, and understand the importance of empathy and collaboration in leading others. Whether you aspire to lead a team, make a difference in your community, or simply enhance your personal leadership skills, this course will empower you with the knowledge and tools to become a confident and effective leader.

Course Rules and Expectations

The number one rule within our classroom is mutual respect. I am careful to respect everyone of my students, and students are expected to respect one another and to respect me as well. If aspects such as cell phone use, inappropriate language, or class participation become an issue, I reserve the right to contact parents, assign appropriate punishment, or adjust class grades as is necessary.

There will be no sleeping in my classroom, and all students are expected to participate and complete all daily assignments.

I pride myself on creating a comfortable classroom environment where trust and communication are present. Please feel free to come discuss any issues or concerns you may be having with me at any time.

Course Schedule/Outline*

(*This course schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.)

Grading Policy

Participation:

Weekly participation grades will include all activities students complete in class. This could qualify as independent worksheets, group assignments, creative activities, or extended written responses.

Class Projects:

Each class will complete multiple projects throughout the semester focused on different areas of leadership and the skills required to be an efficient leader.

Final Exam:

Each class will complete a final exam. It will cover/combine all material learned throughout the year and will complete 15% of a student's final letter grade.

Per School Policy: Students who have three or less absences in class will be exempt from the final exam. Classes missed for school sports or club competitions will not count against them.

Grade Breakdown:

- **Weekly Participation 25%**
- **Assignments 30%**
- **Class Projects 30%**
- **Final Exam 15%**

Grading Scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%