

# Psychology Syllabus

CHS 2023-2024

## RCAS Policies/Procedures

Students will be required to follow all RCAS policies and procedures. To view the RCAS High School Student Handbook, click [handbook](#).

## Course Description

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. The course will emphasize the mind and its development, principles of learning, memory, sensation and perception, personality theories, emotion and stress, states of consciousness, motivation, and abnormal behavior.

## Grading

### Student work will consist of the following:

Academic Behavior Goals: Collaborative goals created by the student and teacher to improve academic and personal abilities

Practice: work and assignments designed to help students build knowledge and skills (daily work, notes, participation work)

Assessments: work and assignments designed to formatively assess student progress towards learning targets (quizzes, learning checks)...assignments designed to summatively assess a student's achievement of a learning target (tests, essays, projects)

### Student will be assessed on the following skills on a scale of 4:

Skill #1: Source Analysis

Skill #2: Argumentation

Skill #3: Comprehension

### Student scores will be on a scale of 1 to 4, indicating mastery:

4	3	2	1
Exceeds Proficiency	Meets Proficiency	Approaching Proficiency	Developing Foundations

## Textbook

Visualizing Psychology (Carpenter and Huffman), AP Psychology (Myers)

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Visualizing Psychology (Carpenter and Huffman), AP Psychology (Myers)

## **Instructional Resources**

Savvas, Canvas, Supplemental videos via Crash Course Psychology, Activities pulled from online sources available via Canvas LMS

## **Essential Questions**

What are the foundations of Psychology?  
How do we change over our lifespan?  
What makes humans unique?  
What unites us in the human experience?

## **Essential Learning Intentions**

1A: Effectively locate and cite relevant and grade appropriate sources.  
1B: Accurately read, comprehend, and summarize grade appropriate sources of various types.  
2A: Effectively apply comprehension of essential concepts to form and defend my own thoughts on psychological theories and ideas.  
2B: Effectively apply comprehension of essential theories to effectively argue the validity of psychological theories in comparison to other theories and individual perception.  
3A: Utilize effective learning strategies in order to demonstrate comprehension of essential psychological concepts, theories, and research methods.  
3B: Accurately apply comprehension of psychological concepts to explore and explain individual behavior and mental processes  
3C: Accurately apply comprehension of essential psychological concepts and theories in order to create accurate responses to psychological situation prompts.