

Freshman Focus 2019-2020

Issued Texts: School Connect Notebook

Required Material: Composition Notebook/Pen/Pencil

Course Description: Freshman Focus is a 50-minute class designed to provide students social and emotional skills for a 21st Century learner, support for core content classes, differentiated instruction and mentoring based on each student's personal academic needs.

Course Expectations and Information:

1. Students will complete common assignments designed for all freshman focus students that target specific content, study habits, social skills and self reflections. Grades will be earned each week.
2. Students should also arrive on time and prepared to work on academic needs such as homework, studying for tests, projects, etc. This is a flexible grouping class, so students may be relocated, reassigned, or regrouped for additional instruction or opportunities to improve learning.
3. Students are expected to work without disturbing others.
4. Proper use of personal technology (phones, laptops, etc.) is expected. All WHS policies apply! Each teacher holds the right to confiscate cell phones/technology if it is not being stored/used properly.
5. Students may not go to another classroom or the media center without written permission from the receiving teacher.
6. Individual instructors may add classroom specific expectations in addition to these. Please contact your student's freshman focus teacher if you have questions about the expectations, assignments, grades, etc. in their class.
7. Students who do not choose to follow class expectations may be subject to disciplinary action.

Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures

To ensure an optimum learning environment, please adhere to the following WHS Student Non-Negotiables:

- Be in class on time.
- Be prepared for class and ready to learn before the bell rings.
- Dress for success. Follow the dress code.
- Food is not allowed in the classrooms.
- No hats or headgear are allowed in the building.
- Technology use is at the discretion of each teacher.
- No cursing in the school building.

Grading: School-wide Grading Requirements Are As Follows (Semester Grading)

Semester Final Average:

20% Final exam/Project

40% Practice Work (Ex: Tune in Tues, Math Extensions, Literacy Initiatives, Science Focused Lessons)

40% Assessment Tasks (Ex: School Connect, Grade Analysis Reflections, Agenda, 9wk Reflections)

Questions concerning freshman focus classes may be directed to Ms. Rogers (Graduation Coach and 9th Grade Coordinator) or Ms. Scudder (Freshman Focus Coordinator).

Signatures below indicate understanding of and agreement with the expectations above.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____