

Mrs. Baker's Self-Determination Class Syllabus #7963140

"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away." - B.B. King

Welcome to Mrs. Baker's Self-Determination Class. We are going to have a stellar year. In our classes we are going to learn a lot of things, all of which will help you all of which will help you advocate for yourself and your future. We are going to use what we learn and discover to the best of our ability and make it work for you in your quest to learn.

*Learning, like life,
is a journey.*



-  Personal and Career Planning
-  Leadership

This year along with regular class work, we will:

-  Self-Determination and Self-Advocacy
-  Choice Making and Motivation
-  Decision Making and Problem Solving
-  Personal and Social Relationships

We will also be working in conjunction with the concepts studied in your other classes.

Organization is a large part of your success as a student and as a graduate, no matter what you decide to pursue in life. On a regular basis I will be checking your binders for school and we will discover ways that organization can help you in all aspects of life.

My expectations of you are to be respectful of others, including your teachers, to be respectful of yourself and your work and to be respectful of the school. Along with trying your best, these things will be the stepping stone to making you successful.

In my classes you will be graded on the following:

- ∑ Participation - 40% of your grade
- ∑ Assessments - 30% of your grade
- ∑ Reading and Journaling - 20% of your grade



Since reading is the foundation of anything you do in life, we will begin each class with 10 minutes of reading. Please bring a book every day to class. You will be better prepared for journaling exercises if you read the same book from start to finish, so bring something you are interested in. If you do not bring a book, I will assign a book to you from my library that you will read from start to finish.

Being prepared for class when the bell rings is part of your grade. This includes having your pencil sharpened and a book and your journal on your desk prior to the bell ringing so that you can begin your assignments immediately.

Please remember these as we progress through the year, your participation in all classroom activities will have an effect on your overall participation grade.

Parents, you may check your students' grade regularly by accessing <http://parentlink.leeschools.net>. If you need assistance, please contact the school. Some things to remember are a Z = a missing assignment that didn't turn up or X = a missing assignment that does not have to be made up, but can be.

Roadblocks and "sweeping dogs" are made to test you. If you are able to work through the problem, you can accomplish anything.



LIFE

When you're finally on the right path and a dog with a brush face sweeps it away.

Let's work together to have a great year.