**Learning Center – 2020/2021**

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## **Introduction:**

Hello and welcome to the 2020/2021 school year! I appreciate your grace and patience as we work through this together to make the best of a challenging situation. All of my assignments and links to meetings will be provided in my Google Classroom. Please email me with any questions or concerns or if you’d like to set up some additional 1-on-1 time for support.

## **Purpose of Learning Center:**

The purpose of this class is to support students in academic and elective classes at Ponderosa; in addition to teaching good study skills to help students enjoy success academically. While we are learning at a distance, students can expect a combination of whole group instruction and individual instruction through Zoom.

**Distance Learning Expectations:**

* Enter class on time per the bell schedule or as directed by the teacher.
* Enter class with sound muted, video on, and the student’s name correctly noted. Items that contain personal information should be kept away from camera-view.
* Enter class in a space that is free from excessive noise or distracting backgrounds.
* Be prepared with needed class materials in a space that allows note taking and participating in class discussions and activities.
* Abide by school rules for behavior including dress code and language.
* Expect that class sessions may be recorded by the teacher for educational use by that class only.

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Follow all Ponderosa High School rules.
* Maintain a quiet, positive work environment.
* Ask for and/or accept assistance, when needed.
* Class time to be used for homework and work completion. Nightly homework should be expected and is the “norm” for academically successful high school students.
* Time will be spent on organization (binders, backpacks, papers, etc.) and planning in order to meet homework/project deadlines.
* Bring assignments, homework, projects, etc. to work on during class time. You are also required to bring book to read, if all work has been completed.
* Students must put cell phones away during class time. Special permission may be granted for students to use phones for academic purposes, but students must have permission from the teacher and they will be closely monitored while the phone is out.

## **Grading**

* Weekly Grade Checks-Student may earn up to 25 points based on assignment completion and passing grades in their classes. Each student will check Aeries weekly with their teacher to determine their points.

Passing grades + completed assignments = more points earned

* Class Points:

5 points daily (total):

* Planner completion (1 point) – planner/calendar
* Being prepared (1 point)
* Positive and quiet behavior (1 point)
* Productively working during entire class period (up to 2 points)
* Assignments: Students may also be required to complete periodic assignments throughout the semester.
* Distance Learning – I will still be doing Grade Checks with students individually during zoom meetings, so they will earn points for grade checks weekly. I will also be creating assignments to help students document how/when they’re doing their work for other classes to earn their class points. They will also have assignments that need to be completed in Google Classroom.
* Grades – while I will be giving grades in Google Classroom, AERIES will be where the official grade in my class should be checked.

**Aeries (Grades) - Parent Access**

Parents are strongly encouraged to access and utilize the computerized Aeries system. An email account address is required to create an account. Once your account is established, you will be able to track your student’s current grades. Some teachers also post upcoming assignments and projects on the system so you can see what assignments are coming up.