## **Psychology and AP Psychology**

## **Course Overview:**

This course tries to help students understand their behavior and feelings and the behavior and feelings of others. A certain amount of sharing of personal information is encouraged but not required. Typical topics covered are learning, thinking, intelligence, the brain and senses, abnormal behavior, and personality. This course meets NCAA eligibility requirements.

The Advanced Placement Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. The Advanced Placement Psychology course will offer students the opportunities to learn about the explorations and discoveries made by psychologists over the past century. Students will get the chance to assess some of the differing approaches adopted by psychologists, including biological, behavioral, cognitive, humanistic, psychodynamic, and sociocultural perspectives. Students will also learn the basic skills of psychology research and develop critical thinking skills. The Advanced Placement Psychology course aims to provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that of most college introductory psychology courses. This course will prepare students to successfully conquer the AP Psychology Exam. Participation in the AP exam is a requirement of the course and an exam cost of approximately \$90.00 is the responsibility of each enrolled student. Free and reduced lunch students may apply for fee waivers for the AP exam. See your counselor for more information.

## **Textbook:**

## **Assessments:**

**Teacher Created Assessments** 

AP Psychology Assessment