Directed Studies Contract 2019-2020

Directed Studies is a class period dedicated to pre-teaching and re-teaching the core content introduced in general education classes. This class period is an extra support time for those students who require additional assistance to be successful. This class period may also be used to work on credit recovery. Directed Studies is a pass/ fail class that counts as an elective credit. To receive a passing grade in this class, students will:

1. Arrive to class on time.
2. Be prepared- bring general ed classwork to DS classroom.
3. Attend regularly.
4. Use technology for academic purposes only.
5. Complete weekly grade checks.
6. Complete weekly assignments to build study skills.
7. Complete weekly planner checks.

Continued enrollment in Directed Studies will be determined at the end of each quarter. Failure to follow the contract may result in a failing grade and transfer out of Directed Studies.

Contact information:

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Ms. Lott    julie.lott@canyonsdistrict.org
Ms. Keefer  heidi.keefer@canyonsdistrict.org
Please complete this form and return to your Directed Studies teacher.

Student Name ____________________________________________

Student Signature________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name____________________________________

Signature________________________________________________

Date____________________________________________________

Contact phone #__________________________________________

Contact email ____________________________________________

Preferred method of contact: phone  or email (circle one)

Things you need/ want us to know about your child-
Language Arts 12 Disclosure

Teacher: Christine Cress  
E-mail: Christine.cress@canyonsdistrict.org  
Room: A206  
Office Hours: Please schedule a time before or after school

Course Description

Welcome to class! Like other English classes you have had, we will be focusing on reading (analyzing and evaluating fiction and nonfiction texts), writing (argumentative, informational, explanatory, and a little bit of narrative), speaking and listening (collaborating with others and presenting information), and developing language skills (grammar, punctuation, and figurative language).

Class Materials

Students are expected to be prepared and bring the following materials to class everyday:

- Notebook with college-ruled paper
- Pen/Pencil
- Highlighter

Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to behave appropriately and to respect the opinions and contributions of others in the class. Always come to class ready and willing to work. The classroom rules will be posted and failure to comply will result in the following chain of penalties:

1. Verbal Warning  
2. Student Contract  
3. Parent Contact  
4. Administration/Lunch Detention

Remember, Huskies always remove hats and follow the dress code, eat lunch in designated areas and keep halls and restrooms clean, attend class on time, all the time, and never sluff, and show respect to and expect respect from all adults.

Electronics

Students with technology devices (cell phones, music players, tablets, etc.) should keep these out of sight during class unless otherwise specified. Failure to comply will result in the chain of penalties listed above. We will also use Chromebooks in class, which must be used appropriately. This will help us maintain a positive and productive learning environment.
Class Policy and Procedures

- **Academic Preparation Period**: This every day period replaces Student Support Time and is the time for students to re-take tests, get extra help, review school rules, listen to announcements, attend specified study halls, etc. Students are expected to use this time to make up work, turn in missing assignments, and work on improving their grade.

- **Late Work**: Students may submit late work for up to two weeks after the due date. Students who put in a good-faith effort will not receive anything less than a 50% on any given assignment. Extenuating circumstances will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

- **Retakes**: I allow retakes on all Formative Assessments. All retakes and revisions must be completed in a timely manner.

- **Students Expectations**: Students are expected to attend class, turn in assignments, and be engaged in class to receive credit. Instructors will work with all students during APP time and during class to help everyone pass his or her ELA class.

- **Grading Scales**:
  
  - A 100% - 90%
  - B+ 89% - 87%
  - B 86% - 80%
  - C+ 79% - 77%
  - C 76% - 70%
  - D+ 69% - 67%
  - D 66% - 60%
  - F Below 60%

- **Student Contracts**: Teachers will be given the options of putting a student on a contract for minor infractions, i.e. Cell phones, disruptions etc., after a proper warning has been issued. If the contract is not followed, teachers may have students placed in “lunch detention”.

- **Attendance**: Class will follow the HHS attendance policy.

- **General Rules**: Students will be required to follow the school wide “What would Harvey do?” school rules and procedures.

- **Note-Taking Expectations**: Students will often be asked to take notes in class. Notes will tie directly to the core standards. Students should be prepared each day to take, keep, and use class notes.

- **Participation**: Participating in class is a must. Points may be awarded solely based on participation. However, participation points will not exceed 10% of a student’s final grade.

- **Teacher Conference**: If parents need to schedule a time for a teacher conference, they should schedule a time on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday before or after school.

- **Teacher Contact**: The best way to reach me is through email. I’m at my computer every day and make an effort to reply within 24 hours. Please feel free to email with any questions or concerns.

**Film and Literature Use**

Some of the literature and multimedia that we read/view may contain material that could be seen as offensive by some. However, this will only occur sparingly (if at all), and only in situations where it is absolutely necessary in context. All films/texts will be approved by Canyons School District. If you have any concerns, please contact me and I will be happy to provide a rationale, and perhaps offer an alternative and equivalent reading assignment.
Please sign and return to show you have read and understand the class policies and procedures. If there is any additional information you would like me to know about your student, please include it below.

Student (printed name): _________________________________________________Class Period:__________
Student Signature:__________________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian (printed name):____________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature:___________________________________________________________________
Phone number/e-mail address:______________________________________________________________
Math teaches that there is a firm reason to believe that every problem has a solution!

Math is wonderful! In this course we will continue to focus on learning the core curriculum that has been established by the state of Utah. In terms you are more familiar with Math 2 mainly focuses on the topics covered in Algebra 2 and a little bit of Geometry.

**Grading**
Grades will be based 70% on student concept mastery on assessments and 30% of their grade will be based on assignments and preparation. **Grades will be kept in Skyward.**

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**Absent Work**
If you are absent if is your responsibility to get your missing work. You can come see me before or after school, during APP, ask a friend in the class for a copy of the notes you missed, and check Canvas. Copying anything other than notes is considered cheating and will not be accepted on the retake form.

**Retakes**
Students learn at different rates and all I care about is that the learning happens. Students will be able to redo assessments and assignments to improve their score. It is your responsibility that you come in during APP for the retakes. You must complete the check list and conference with the teacher before you will be allowed to retake any tests. The teacher may limit the retake-window based on content. No retakes are allowed on all finals. **No Extra Credit.**

**Follow the Rules to Earn Rewards**
1. Positive note home.
2. Positive phone call.
3. Class rewards.

**Consequences for Not Following the Rules**
1. Verbal warning.
2. In class isolation.
3. Personal behavior contract.
4. Lunch detention and/or office referral.
Course Expectations:
This course is required to graduate from high school. To earn graduation credit, you must earn at least 60% in all four quarters. To ensure credit is earned, students are expected to:

- Be in class regularly and on time.
- Work with effort during each class session and in small groups.
- Use your personal technology appropriately.
- Be kind, respectful, and considerate towards the other members of the class and me. Just as I expect only the best from you, I want you to expect the best from me.
- Come for Academic Preparation Period if additional help is needed.
- A lot of material is covered in this course and it is crucial that student’s stay caught up on assignments. In order to master the Math 2 course material, students should be spending at least 20 minutes after school (per school day), AND at least 30 minutes every weekend, working on their Math 2 homework. Homework should be prioritized in the following manner: Practice, reviewing notes, and test and quiz corrections

Students will need for class each day:
1. A binder to organize daily notes and assignments.
2. A pencil for daily quizzes, notes, and assignments.
3. Calculator. We have a classroom set of TI-84 calculators for your use but they must remain in the classroom. Desmos is available for home use as a phone app or online.
4. A red or blue pen for corrections.

We will not be using a course textbook. The binder you will create will hold everything you will need to complete coursework and study for quizzes and tests.

Students are expected to stay in the classroom for the entire period. Use of the hall pass will be for emergency situations only.

Communication-
The best way for parents to reach me is through district email. Christine.cress@canyonsdistrict.org. I am not always close to my phone.
Return this signed document to Ms. Cress as soon as possible.
By signing below you are indicating that you have read the Secondary 2 Mathematics disclosure document and that you understand and will follow the policies of the class.

Please Print Neatly

Class Period: __________

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Signature: ________________________________________________ Date:

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Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________________

Signature: ________________________________________________ Date:

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Parent Contact Information (email is my preferred method of communication)

email: ____________________________________________________

phone: _________________________ mobile or home (circle one)

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