

Academic Workshop (AW) Course Syllabus

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Academic Workshop (AW) or the Resource Specialist Program provides academic support for students with special education needs. This program focuses on increasing student participation in regular education classes by collaborating with classroom teachers to support student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Students learn organizational and academic strategies essential for succeeding at Redwood High School.

In AW, students will:

- Learn self-advocacy, time management, and goal-setting tips and strategies
- Be educated and practice executive functioning skills
- Work on organization and assignment tracking techniques
- Focus on and work towards achieving IEP goals
- Acquire skills for post-high school transition
- Receive academic support for general education classes

Grading Policy

Q: How do I earn an A in AW?

A: Earning an A in AW is actually quite simple. EVERY day we expect you to:

1. **Come to class with a thought-out plan of what to work on.** Do you need to study for a test? Finish an assignment? Chip away at a long-term project? Whatever you decide is the highest priority and the most effective way to use the class time, please come prepared with the materials, questions in mind, and positive attitude necessary to accomplish this goal.
2. **Work Hard.** We want to see that you are using this time wisely and most of all, doing your best. If you are already doing well in classes, push to do great. Ask questions, use the available resources, limit non-educational conversation with others, and strive to be efficient.

3. **Weekly Points.** Students will be graded daily on their commitment to the academics in their AW class. This will be done through the use of a weekly point sheet. Grades will be updated weekly in Eschool. In addition, there will be a few assignments throughout the year specific to the AW class.

Behavioral Expectations

- Be safe, both emotionally and physically
- Be respectful of self and others
- Be committed
- Be responsible

AW is not a Study Hall!

In AW, we understand the pressure to complete assignments for your class. However, we expect that you will complete the majority of your homework assignments AT HOME.

In AW, it is a goal of ours to help you learn to be organized, which, if you are not, takes time and practice. We also will be working with you on your IEP goals, helping you to pass district outcomes, and guiding you in the academic areas you find challenging.

Welcome to AW class. We look forward to supporting you to succeed at Redwood High School!

Please sign and return to Beth de Carion.

I have read the Academic Workshop Course Syllabus.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature