

Course Title: Teen Impact
Grade Level: 11, 12

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Course Description

Teen Impact is a two semester course and is designed to promote positive changes and connections for students and faculty at Lake Travis High School. The classes are comprised of junior and senior students who are committed to becoming positive student leaders in class, on campus, and in the community. Students will study leadership, character, and organizational skills to enhance their efforts in building connections for students, faculty, and the community of Lake Travis High School. Students are expected to participate in activities before and after school as well as during lunch, as warranted by course activities.

Expected Graduate Outcomes – Students will:

1. have a working knowledge of Sean Covey's The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens.
2. prepare activities and offer mentorship for new students to the District.
3. organize and participate in service activities within the school and in the community.

Text

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey; Fireside, a Division of Simon & Schuster, Inc., New York, NY 10020.

Evaluation (per nine weeks)

60% Major (minimum of 2 grades) including tests, projects and quizzes. Tests/projects will be worth twice as much as quizzes.

40% Minor (minimum of 4 grades) including daily grades, in-class assignments and homework.

*Remember that midterm and final exams count for 20% of your semester grade.

Late Work

Minor grade assignments: Students will receive two (2) passes each nine weeks that can be used to turn in late daily work.

Homework is due at the beginning of class and is late if submitted after the initial collection. Late work must be turned in **within five school days (both A and B days count, as does the due date)** and will be graded at 75%. After that, the grade will be a zero (0).

Major grade assignments (such as projects): 10 points deducted per school day late.

The lowest minor (daily/homework) grade and the lowest major (quiz or half of a project or test) grade will be dropped at the end of the semester. Check teacher websites regularly for assignments and quiz and test schedules. No more than half of the homework grades will be graded based on completion. All other assignments will be graded for accuracy. See your teacher for tutorials before the assignment is due.

Make-up Work

Students have a period of time as outlined in the Student Handbook to make up work when absent. Students are responsible for missed work and assignments. Students **must** make up missed tests and quizzes before/after school by scheduling an appointment with me the day they return and these must be taken within one week of the absence.

Retest Policy:

Students will have the option of arranging with their teacher to retake an exam that was failed given the following conditions:

- The student must have completed the original test review and studied for the test.
- The student must attend a tutorial or prepare for the retest as outlined by the teacher.
- The student must take the retest at the agreed upon time.
- The retest grade is for a maximum final grade of 70 on the test.

Class Expectations:

- Come prepared & be on time – Bring your materials and a positive attitude!
- Be respectful & polite – to your classmates, and the staff.
- Stay in your seat – ask permission to throw trash away, use the restroom, etc.
- No food, drink (except water in original container), and **NO GUM!**
- **No cell phones or other electronics** (unless deemed part of a class activity).
- Take responsibility for participating in class activities and principles – in and out of school!