



Intro to Teaching Professions

Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

This is a class for students who are considering a career in education. Students will learn about all levels of education: K-3, 4-6, junior high and high school. Related fields such as school counseling, special education, social work and administration are also introduced. By completing this foundation course, students will have a greater understanding of opportunities available to them in the field of education. Hands-on teacher tasks are included in the class work. **CTC Lab fees are \$10.00 and must be paid early in the class by check payable to WHS or cash.**

Communication

Text Alerts: If you have a cell phone and are able to receive texts (students AND parents) please sign up to receive my text alerts. You will receive text from me; you will not be able to text back. This is a service, not my personal text account.

Directions for you to RECEIVE messages:

- ★ Send a text message to: 81010
- ★ In the message area, type: @jtucker33
- ★ You will receive a Thank You reply and are all set up to receive messages from me regarding class.

Emails: You can reach me via email anytime at jtucker@wls4kids.org.

Phone: Leave me a voicemail at (419)473-8383 ext. 7034. However, email will always be faster.

Teaching Professions Twitter: @whitmerteaching

Classroom Culture

We will work hard to have a positive classroom culture. In instances where that culture is disrupted, consequences will include teacher detentions, parent/guardian contacts and administrative referrals.

Rules:

All Whitmer High School rules will apply in our classroom. See attached *Behavior Matrix*.

Consequences “Seriously”

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| ★ First time: warning | Name on board |
| ★ Second time: warning | Conference with student/teacher |
| ★ Third time: Two checks home | After-school detention/phone call home |
| ★ Severe Disruption | Immediately sent to Discipline Center |

Homework/Assignment Policy:

Homework and assignments are to be turned in on the day they are due. Late homework and assignments will be accepted for **HALF CREDIT**, but it is up to you to turn it in. I will not ask for it. This is to help prepare you for college classes, and **TRUST ME** . . . your professors will not remind you that you owe them something.

Attendance:

Come to class! Nobody can afford to miss class. More than 5 days out in one semester results in unexcused passes unless a doctor’s note is brought in. Most of the assignments and projects will be done in-class, therefore, missing days in school will result in less time to work and could cause you to fall behind quickly. Also, tardies will be counted. The school tardy policy will strictly be enforced.

Absence and Make-up Work:

Upon your return it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check for absent work first thing! If the assignments are not there, then ask me for them. If you do not check, you may not ever get to make them up. Students have the number of days they were absent to turn in their work.

Cheating:

Anyone found cheating on tests, quizzes, or assignments of any kind will be given a zero for that assignment (or portion of the assignment). This includes copying and pasting from the Internet and turning in work as your own. There is a program that I have on my computer that will be able to determine where you “stole” your information from.

Students need to understand that this is a form of plagiarism and if caught in college ... **YOU WILL BE REMOVED.** So, get in the practice of not doing it now!

Phone Policy:

- ★ No phones are to be out and seen, unless directed by teacher.
- ★ You may listen to headphones, when directed by teacher, during quiet work time.
- ★ If seen out, you will have one chance to put away, otherwise teacher will place in the "Cell Jail". If it becomes a habitual problem or deters from participation in class and on assignments, a referral/detention/consequence will be given.
- ★ *FOR EXAMPLE, you may not choose to do your assignments at home and play on your phone in school. You will lose points on assignments if you are wasting time in class on your phone.*

Procedures:

At the beginning of class:

1. Have your supplies out and ready, bags/purses need to be placed underneath tables.
2. Be seated and quiet.
3. Place completed homework on the corner of your table.
4. Begin your "Bell Ringer" activity.

Bathroom Passes:

1. Bathroom passes will be given if asked at appropriate times. Please use good judgement when asking for passes.
2. Here are examples of when passes will NOT be given, for example:
 - a. First or last 10 minutes of class
 - b. During class discussions
 - c. During group activities
 - d. During lectures or explanations of assignments
 - e. When I am helping another student

At the end of class:

1. Pack up your belongings only **after** you have been asked to do so.
2. Clean the area around your desk before you leave.
3. There is **NO** lining up at the door.

Miscellaneous Information:

Presentation Dress Requirements:

1. Students are **REQUIRED** to dress up for **ALL** presentations. The final presentation grade will lower one letter grade if the student fails to dress appropriately. More detail about appropriate dress attire will be presented.

Necessary Supplies:

*Signed Internet/Google Permission in Powerschool

***\$10 CTC LAB FEE** (Separate check to Whitmer H.S. or cash)

***\$10 DUES** for Educators Rising membership (Separate check to Whitmer H.S. or cash)

*Notebook paper

*Pen/Pencil

*Supplies when needed to complete projects/lessons