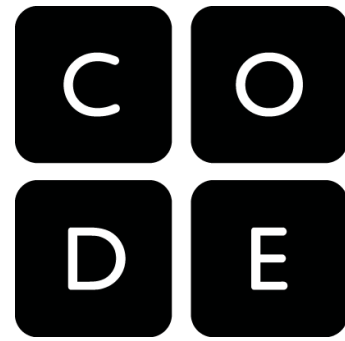


8th Grade Computer Applications SYLLABUS & PROCEDURES



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For an immediate response, please email me with any questions or concerns.

Course Description:

Computer Applications is one of the special rotation courses that all students will have during 8th grade. This six-week course will be a continuation of Computer Applications 7 with a focus on digital citizenship, computer programming, entrepreneurship, and digital design. A project-based learning approach will be utilized to complete individual and group projects using 21st century technologies.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Respect Yourself
2. Respect Others
3. Respect the Classroom

Classroom Procedures:

Beginning of Class: Enter the classroom with a positive attitude, prepared for the day's lesson. Retrieve your Computer Apps folder from the "folder holder". Read and begin the "FOCUS" activity that is posted on the board.

During Class: Ask and answer questions! Feel free to participate and join the discussion if your comment is helpful not hurtful. Offer to demonstrate a newly acquired skill and when asked, please follow directions the first time. If you need to leave the room, please only ask during non-instructional time. You must sign-out on the clip board and take the approved hall pass. Please sign-in when you return!

End of Class: Make sure your assignments are saved in the correct location on your student drive. Save often and ONLY print when I tell you to do so. Neatly wrap and return headphones to the correct bin. Use the "In-Bin" in the back of the room to submit assignments. Pass your folders to the left and the row leader will replace them to the drawer. Remain seated until the bell rings.

Discipline:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Phone Call Home
3. After-School Detention and 2nd Phone Call Home
4. Written Disciplinary Referral (Principal)

*Peters Township Middle School's Code of Conduct will be followed.

*In the event of three incomplete homework assignments, I will assign detention.

Class work & Assessment:

Unit	Assessment
Entrepreneurship	Design A Business Packet (weekly check) Website Design (with required media elements) Business Pitch Business Plan Google Document
Digital Citizenship	(3) In-Class Lessons Digital Byte Group Project
Computer Programming	Google CS Module Vocabulary Logs Code.org online lessons Scratch: Design a Video Game Partner Project Arcade Day Program
Digital Design	Time Magazine Cover Project Time Magazine Cover Reflection & Rationale

In addition, students may be assessed in any of the following ways:

- * Homework
- * In-Class Lessons
- *Vocabulary Quizzes
- * Peer & Self Evaluation
- *Oral Presentations

Make-Up Work Policy

If you are absent from school, it is your responsibility to make-up the work that was missed. The number of school days missed will equal the number of schools days you have to make up all missed work. For example, 1 day absent= 1 day to make-up the work.

Additionally, a grade of “zero” will be placed in PowerSchool to denote that an assignment was not received and the student should inquire about completing the make-up work. It is not the responsibility of the teacher to follow-up on missed or incomplete assignments.

Grading:

Student’s grades will be updated frequently throughout the week on PowerSchool. The majority of grades will be posted within one week of the assignment due date. Some long term projects (Final Business Plan and Group Website) may require additional time to provide accurate assessment.

A final grade of 95% or above must be maintained to earn a recommendation for 9th Grade Honors Information Technology.

*Students are expected to do their own work. Students who are caught cheating will receive a “0” for that particular assignment and their parents will be contacted.

Note from Mrs. VB: I’m looking forward to an exciting class together! I am here to assist you and encourage you to reach your goals. My hope is you will walk out of this classroom confident in designing and creating your own 21st century projects!