

# Ψ A.P. Psychology Ψ

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**Extra Help Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. before school and during lunch**

**Text:** Myers, David G. (2007). *Psychology* (8th ed.). New York: Worth Publishers.

## The Purpose of the Course

The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. You will be exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. You will also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice.

## Expectations

This is a college-level course, with college-level expectations. It is incumbent upon you to maintain pace with the weekly reading assignments contained in the syllabus. Failure to do so will result in poor performance in this course as well as poor performance on the AP exam. You will be required to take notes on the reading and maintain these notes in an orderly fashion. These notes will be your lifeline to success in this course as well as success on the AP exam. *Because there is an enormous amount of material to cover, I will not discuss every facet of the reading. However, that does not mean the material will be not tested in class or on the AP exam - ANYTHING in the text is fair game!*

**The AP Psychology Exam - Monday, MAY 7, 2012 12pm - cost \$87 (financial aid is available)** The exam includes a 70-minute multiple-choice section that accounts for two-thirds of the exam grade and a 50-minute free-response section made up of two questions that accounts for one-third of the exam grade.

## Multiple-Choice Section Scoring

Beginning with the May 2011 AP Exam administration, total scores on the multiple-choice section will be based only on the number of questions answered correctly. Points will no longer be deducted for incorrect answers and, as always, no points will be awarded for unanswered questions.

(<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/ap/about/changes>)

\* Reasonable time for make-up work will be agreed upon after a conference with the instructor.

**Grading Policy:**

The course will follow Montgomery County Public Schools’ policy on grading for advanced placement course. **DUE DATE/DEADLINE ARE FINAL, NO ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DUE DATE/DEADLINE HAS PASSED.** Students who have an *excused absence* will have a *reasonable time\** to make-up missed assignments. All assignments are available on EDLINE or via email/text message to the instructor. **It is the student’s responsibility to complete and submit missed work, no reminders will be given.**

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE LABELED:**

Formative Assessments (FA)	50%
OR	
Summative Assessments (SA)	40%
OR	
Practice/Preparation (P/P)	10%

**Materials:**

- Consistent computer and Internet access
- Flash drive
- 3 ring 1 to 1 ½ inch binder
- 3 x 5 index cards (500 or more)
- Shoe box and rubber bands
- Pens, pencils and highlighters

**INCLEMENT WEATHER!**

If MCPS closes school due to inclement weather or emergency conditions, check your email and EDLINE for assignments. Due dates/deadlines will not change.

**Wheaton Library Hours - 11701 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD**

Monday	10 - 9
Tuesday	10 - 9
Wednesday	10 - 9
Thursday	10 - 9
Friday	10 - 5
Saturday	9 - 5

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**Kensington Park Library Hours - 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD**

Monday	10 - 9
Tuesday	10 - 9
Wednesday	10 - 9
Thursday	10 - 5
Friday	10 - 5
Saturday	10 - 5
Sunday	CLOSED

At AEHS Computer Lab 136 - 10:50am - 11:35am, M - F

At AEHS Media Center - 7:00am - 3:45pm, M - F

**Required Internet Sites: Send me an email and I will provide you with the access to these sites.**

Online site: [www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net) and [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)

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## Don't Quit!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must, but do not quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow--  
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out--  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far,  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

- Anonymous -

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