

## **BLUE HERON SCHOOL**

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### **Academic Success Class Ms. Melinda Pongrey Room 603**

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#### **Overview**

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome! Academic Success is designed to provide time for students to have additional support and time to complete assignments. Students will increase skills in managing school responsibilities through directed use of their planners, Skyward, and teacher webpages. The goal is to increase student confidence by improving their success in managing multiple classes and teachers in a middle school environment. I look forward to getting to know you and working together to support and enrich your child's learning experience this year.

Throughout the year, if you have concerns about your child's progress, please contact me!  
Email address: [mpongrey@ptschools.org](mailto:mpongrey@ptschools.org) Email works best! ☺

#### **Course Objectives:**

The students will:

1. Develop and practice a set of effective, personal study skills.
2. Prioritize work that needs to be done from their core classes and choose the most appropriate to complete during Academic Success.
3. Learn to use various accommodations, organizational tools, and study tools.
4. Feel supported, welcome, prepared, and successful in middle school.

#### **Expectations for Success:**

Students will use this time to set quarterly goals and monitor their weekly progress in each of their classes. This is a support class for students to maneuver middle school expectations with success!

#### **Self-Discipline:**

Disruptions in the classroom hinder the learning process. We have classroom expectations based on respect, responsibility and contribution developed by each class and aligned to our school's PBIS goals.

#### **Cell Phones/Electronics:**

Phones and electronic devices must be silenced and placed out of view in this class. Note to Parents: Please contact your child by calling the office and not call or text the student's cell phone. The Blue Heron Handbook has complete details on the phone policy.

### Supplies/Homework:

In order to ensure success, students will need to bring the following to class EVERY day:

- Academic Success Binder with planner and current assignments noted (provided)
- Sharpened Pencils with erasers
- Positive, responsible, on-task attitude!

### Work Completion/Work Habits:

In addition to developing and using organizational skills, **Academic Success** allows students to have supported time to complete any unfinished classwork, study for tests, clear up any misconceptions, and preview upcoming core subject topics. Students will be required to record class assignments in their planners, and use our class time wisely.

### Grading:

This is a non-graded support class. Students will set personal and group goals. We will have individual and group celebrations as we meet our goals!

Sincerely,

Melinda Pongrey

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