Cocke County High School

Statewide Dual Credit Psychology 2025/2026 Syllabus

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Course Description:

Statewide dual credit (SDC) is a high school course aligned with a postsecondary challenge examination developed and approved by the Consortium for Cooperative Innovative Education, which allows students exceeding an established cut score to earn postsecondary credit at any public postsecondary institution.

https://www.tn.gov/education/early-postsecondary/dual-credit.html.

This course is an introduction to the field of psychology. Students will examine several topics including: History and Approaches, Research, Brain Physiology and Function, Human Development, Sensation & Perception, Memory, Consciousness, Cognition and Intelligence, Sexuality, Psychological Disorders, Therapy/Treatment, Social Psychology, Motivation and Emotion, Health Psychology, Learning, and Personality.

Text:

Openstax Psychology (2nd edition) The text is online and will be available at any time.

Google Classroom Code: xy6zpk4c

Materials:

pen or pencil, paper, Chromebook (needed daily),

Grading Policy:

The student's average will be determined by the total points earned based on Tests, Quizzes, Participation, and Assignments. A 100-90 B 89-80 C 79-70 D 69-60 F 59-0

Statewide dual credit classes are college-level courses taught at Cocke County High School by trained high school teachers. Course learning objectives are developed by Tennessee high school and college faculty in order to ensure alignment with postsecondary standards. All students enrolled in a statewide dual credit course take the online challenge exam, which is used to assess mastery of the postsecondary-level learning objectives. Students who meet or exceed the exam "cut score" receive college credit that can be applied to any Tennessee public postsecondary institution. Exam scores are reported on the high school transcript to ensure postsecondary credit is accurately awarded but are not used in any state accountability measures.

The SDC Challenge Exam for Psychology: is 120 minutes and consists of 75 multiple choice questions. A cut score of 70% is required to earn a "passing score."