



HONORS MENTORSHIP  
Forsyth County Schools

## **Forsyth County Honors Mentorship Syllabus**

**2015-2016**

**Mr. Walkup**

### **I. Course Description**

Welcome to the Forsyth County Honors Mentorship Program! Honors Mentorship is one of Forsyth County School System's excellent career-oriented high school courses. It is an unique and rigorous academic elective designed to remove the learning ceiling for high-ability students who are intensely interested in a particular area of study and who have demonstrated the maturity to pursue in-depth learning in a professional setting. In addition to the mentorship, students will complete weekly course-work, delivered primarily online and also participate in team-building activities, to research the chosen career, and to present a culminating project to the community.

### **II. Course Outline**

First month: Set up your online learning experience account. Contact your teacher with any questions or concerns. Attend scheduled meetings when asked. After mentorship is approved, mentor 4 hours per week with your mentor in your mentorship experience. In addition, complete weekly assignments  
April and May: Present projects to HMP students/mentors/community and prepare for Community Presentation Night.

### **III. Objectives**

Further develop independence, responsibility, leadership, and character.

Enhance oral and written communication skills necessary to successful functioning in the professional world and in a global society.

Improve research, problem-solving, and technological skills.

### **IV. Materials**

Access to computer and internet to complete weekly assignments on itslearning.

Reliable transportation for mentorship opportunities.

### **V. Activities**

Online classroom components

Working with technology for research, presentations, and in the career field

Student resumes

Class discussions / assignments / readings

Global society perspectives

### **VI. Evaluation**

***Yearly Average: 85% of your Final Average***

Assignments and Activities: 35%

Mentor Evaluations and Hours Summaries: 35%

Student Culminating Projects: 30%



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### **VII. Rules**

School rules are in effect at mentorship site. Always remember, you are representing yourself, your school and the program at all times. Comply with all business rules at mentorship site. **IF** there is a change in the mentorship placement, you are not to leave your initial mentorship placement without first submitting a mentorship change request form and a new placement has been secured. Every week you are between mentorship placements you will receive a zero for the weekly hour reports. No changes will be made without FIRST notifying your teacher of the requested change. You will not leave your current mentorship without a new mentorship secured.

### **VIII. Student Expectations**

The Honor Mentorship Student responsibility and reliability are essential for a successful experience in this program. The student must demonstrate the ability to study and work independently throughout this course. Students are expected to arrive on time and properly attired to class and to the mentorship site as scheduled. If you must be absent or tardy, please email or call your teacher and your community mentor. Attendance will be taken at classes, scheduled meetings, and your worksite. Students should schedule the mentorship to include an average of 4 hours per week per period at the mentorship site. All written work should be completed in an exemplary fashion with attention to grammar, spelling, capitalization and punctuation conventions. Late work will be penalized 10 points/day **-NO WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER ONE WEEK** past the assignment's due dates. This is an Honor's Elective Class and all work should reflect quality and depth.

Students should demonstrate an enthusiasm to learn about their career field and to participate in any learning opportunities at the mentorship site. See "Mentorship Program Evaluation of Student Performance" for specific details.

Students should seize every opportunity to implement technology, both in the classroom and in the career field.

The mentorship experience will include a perspective of how a student's career field fits in to our global society.

Students will be expected to complete a log of their hours spent at their mentorship. This log is very important and will be considered in the final grade.

Students should begin brainstorming ideas for their projects during the first several weeks of the mentorship experience. The project must be approved by both the mentor and Mr. Walkup.

Students will write a paragraph-long abstract or summary of their projects. Projects will be due at the end of your experience.

A community presentation will occur to a panel of parents, community mentors and various school employees. Attendance is mandatory for this event.

ALL students will sign out with Mr. Walkup in room#147

\*\*\*The teacher reserves the right to adjust any section of the course syllabus during the course duration in order to better meet the needs, abilities, and interests of the students.

Parents: please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child.  
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### **Honors Mentorship Rules and Ethics**

You shall never be late, or too early, to your mentorship site. (5-10 minutes early is perfect).

You shall always dress appropriately and professionally.

You shall never fraternize with colleagues from the jobsite outside of work without expressed permission from Mr. Walkup

You shall call/e-mail immediately if you are sick or if there is a family emergency and therefore cannot make it to your mentorship.

You shall not call in sick because you are behind in your classwork.

You shall address your colleagues and site supervisor as Mr. or Ms., Sir, or Ma'am unless told otherwise.

You shall always turn in your mentorship assignments on time and sign out everyday at your school.

You shall consistently strive to meet your requirements.

You shall always inform Mr. Walkup and your parents of any changes in the arrangement at your mentorship placement.

*Remember you are not only representing the Honors Mentorship Program, but also Forsyth County Schools, Forsyth Central and every student your age! The continuation of this program rests on the quality of your performance. Always be ethical and professional.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask for advice. Remember, we are your support team and want you to have the best experience possible!

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HMP Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_