## Santa Ana Unified School District Independent Study Program

# **Psychology (760AF) Course Outline**

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will develop an understanding of human behavior and mental processes. They will understand and demonstrate their knowledge of psychology through the scientific study of behavior that is tested through scientific research. Students will understand how psychology is connected to both the social sciences and the natural sciences as they draw from the course material in order to gain insight into their lives and the lives of those around them. In addition, students will learn to think like a scientist and use the scientific method as a problem-solving tool.

#### **METHODS OF STUDY:**

- Read assigned chapters and/or worksheets each week.
- Complete assigned section assessments and chapter assessments, assigned worksheets, other miscellaneous assignments, and Common Core aligned projects and assignments.
- Complete Common Core aligned assessments in class each week.
- Additional assignments as deemed necessary by the teacher to reinforce key terms and concepts may be assigned.

### **METHODS OF EVALUATION:**

- In-class Common Core aligned chapter quizzes and tests.
- Assessment of weekly assignments.
- Additional assessments as determined by teacher.
  - NOTE: A total of six assignment grades as well as the chapter quizzes and tests will be averaged to produce the final grade for the course.
    - If a student earns less than 60%, the student must redo the assignments and/or tests in order to demonstrate understanding of the content and earn a passing grade.
    - If a student does not complete the weekly assignment on time, the student must remain in class so that he/she can complete the assignment(s) by the required due date.

#### **RESOURCES:**

- Textbook: *Understanding Psychology* (Glencoe, 2003)
- Common Core projects, assignments and DBQs.
- On-line resources

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