

**Independent Living Life Skills Course**  
ELA, Math, Science, Social Science, Life Skills  
Natomas Middle School  
Room: M117  
2020-2021 Academic School Year

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**Gold Day: 2:05 - 3:05**  
**Blue Day: 1:40 - 2:40**

Hello, and welcome to my class!

I am so eager to work with you and your family this school year. My name is Ms. Menefee and I will be your teacher for 5 classes (ELA, Math, Science, Social Science, and Life Skills). Though we do not get to meet in person at the start of this school year, I cannot wait to see your faces during our **daily** ZOOM meetings.

**Distance Learning Daily Schedule**

(times subject to change according to blue/gold day)

**BLUE Schedule:**

ELA: 8:30-8:55

Math: 9:00-9:50

Science: 9:55-10:20

Design: 10:25-11:15

Lunch: 11:15-11:50

Social Studies: 11:50-12:15

P.E.: 12:20-1:10

Life Skills: 1:15-1:40

### Gold Schedule:

ELA: 8:30-9:20

Math: 9:25-9:50

Science: 9:55-10:45

Design: 10:50-11:15

Lunch: 11:15-11:50

Social Studies: 11:50-12:40

P.E.: 12:45-1:10

Life Skills: 1:15-2:05

### **Academic Expectations**

The best way to be successful in class is to:

- Participate and contribute positively in class.
- Complete and turn in assignments on time.
- Keep trying and don't be afraid to ask for help.

### **Behavior Expectations**

- Whole body listening (eyes on the speaker, mouth is quiet, hands & feet to yourself and your ears are open and ready to listen).
- Be respectful to EVERYONE! This includes both students and staff.
- Be responsible, kind, and safe.

### **Class Time**

Class time is very important and every moment spent on learning counts. Students are expected to show respect, make good decisions, and solve problems in the classroom/digital classroom. Students are to follow all the school rules in the student handbook.

### **Grading Policy**

Students will receive two report cards. One report card will be a letter grade report card which all students attending NMS receives. Please note that I do grade students accordingly and they will receive letter grades "A-F" as it correlates with their IEP goals and assignments. For example, if your child receives an "A", it is because at that time they demonstrated they have met their IEP goal and have turned in class assignments with majority of the assignments being accurate. If

your child has anything lower than an “A” (B, C, D, F), it will demonstrate they have not met their IEP goal and may not have turned in their classroom assignments or may not have scored accurately on assignments.

When school wide report cards are sent home, I also will send home an updated goal page of the IEP so you can see specifically where your child stands with his/her measurable annual goals agreed upon at the IEP meetings.

## **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED**

### **Attendance and Tardy Policy**

Please refer to the District Website, Student Handbook for the attendance and tardy policies. During distance learning, students will be marked absent if they do not log in at the beginning of the school day (8:30 a.m.).

### **Curriculum**

During the school year, we will be working from Unique Curriculum; some of you may be aware of this program already. Unique is a program which is being used in all of the SpEd classrooms within the district. It allows for all core subjects such as Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, and Living Skills to be individualized for the individual need and skill level of your child. Each unit is aligned with Common Core State Standards.

Outside of Unique, we will be working on skills such as laundry (sorting, folding, hanging clothes) as well as loading and unloading the washer and dryer machines. We will also be working on resume building, filling out job applications, mock job interviews, washing dishes, baking/cooking, and other essential daily functions which promotes independence.

### **Homework**

Homework may be given occasionally. If your child is absent, I will send homework home for them to complete (for distance learning homework can be found in the google classroom). They will have 3 days from the date they return to school to complete assignments and return them back to me for full credit. Anything returned later than 3 days will not be accepted. I will also send home any work your child did not complete during that day of instruction so they do not fall behind (for distance learning classwork can be found in the google classroom). In that case, I will make a note on the assignment informing you that the classwork is incomplete and now homework for the day. In those instances, please return the work the following day for full credit, otherwise they will receive no credit (0) for the assignment as it will be considered late.