

Wachusett Regional High School

Course Name: Study Skills

Grade (s): 9

Course Description:

Skill units such as "Taking Notes," "Improving Memory," and "Reading Strategies" are studied in Harvard-Milton Study Skills texts. The skills are primarily, but not exclusively, applied to work currently being done in their English courses.

Links to Student Expectations:

1. All students will learn to communicate critically, persuasively, and personally in both oral and written expression.
2. All students will develop skills to promote a sense of confidence in tackling the rigors of standardized tests such as the required MCAS and the optional AP, SAT.

Interdisciplinary Connections:

- ✓ Technology

Essential Concepts:

Study Skills provide the necessary tools for students to be successful in both their high school academic careers and beyond.

Student Objectives:

1. Students will increase their vocabulary.
2. Students will develop confidence using library resources.
3. Students will become proficient in their note-taking skills.
4. Students will learn proper documentation, using the MLA format.
5. Students will develop organizational skills.
6. Students will learn and review grammar through specific exercises.

Suggestions for Instruction:

Texts:

Harvard-Milton Study Skills (NAESP) – Levels I, II, III
Elements of Writing
WRHS Writing and Research Manual

1. Students will work in cooperative learning groups.
2. Students will work to develop skills that will aid them in the writing process.
3. Students will develop organizational skills for both daily academic work and for specific test preparation.
4. Students will utilize the technologies in the Media Center/Writing Center.

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Suggestions for Assessment:

- ✓ Written and oral projects of various types with appropriate rubrics
- ✓ Quizzes for specific detail
- ✓ Examinations to test competency

Curriculum:

Units:

- ✓ Vocabulary
- ✓ Research
- ✓ Grammar
- ✓ Composition