



Study Tech

Quarterly Newsletter

Eagle Rock Jr./Sr. High School

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Expected School-Wide Learning Results

Graduates of Eagle Rock High School will be able to:

- I. Communicate effectively in a variety of situations and forms.
- II. Demonstrate ethical, principled behavior and civic responsibility both on a local and global level.
- III. Understand how to employ critical and creative thinking to problem solving in a variety of situations and evaluate the outcomes to modify future approaches.
- IV. Apply acquired knowledge and skills at a personal, local and global level.

Where do we need to be?

As we continue our work in creating a class that meets the requirements of Technology in the Middle Years Programme, let me take this opportunity to reiterate the aims of the class.

They are:

- Develop an appreciation of the significance of technology for life, society and the environment.
- Use knowledge, skills and techniques to create products/solutions of appropriate quality.
- Develop problem-solving, critical- and creative-thinking skills through the application of the design cycle.
- Develop respect for others' viewpoints and appreciate alternative solutions to problems.
- Use and apply information and communication technology (ICT) effectively as a means to access, process and communicate information, and to solve problems.

Where are we?

So far this school year, we've held after school trainings in September and November. We plan to continue with these monthly meetings to assist us in implementing a common curriculum in all Study Tech Classes.

Many of our current Study Tech teachers have used resources created by members of our school community last school year. Still, we continue to refine our curriculum to best meet the needs of the students and the requirements of the program.

All the teachers have been working on aligning the structure of the class as follows:

- Time on Task
- Approaches to Learning
- Design Cycle Units

Thank you to the teachers for their cooperation and support.

How do we get there?

The action plan is as follows:

- Support teachers by providing appropriate and targeted training.
- Monitor curriculum via observation, feedback and continuing discourse.
- Foster collaboration between teachers regarding best practices.
- Revise curriculum to meet the needs of the students and the requirements of the program.
- Reflect on program implementation and make revisions to action plan as necessary.
- Create a team of teachers that meet to review success of course, revise curriculum and create resources for new teachers to ensure success.
- Align classes horizontally and vertically with an emphasis on Approaches to Learning and the Design Cycle

What are the next steps?

November Study Tech Teacher Training – Bring a Composition Notebook/Journal from one of your Study Tech Classes.

Choose one of the following training:

*Wednesday, 11/09/11, 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

*Thursday, 11/17/11, 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Note: All trainings are held in Room 118*

Agenda Topics:

Review Unit Plans for each grade level
Share Comp Book/Journals
Break out into Level-Alike Groups

Looking Ahead:

December Training will focus on evaluating common assessment protocols.

VISION STATEMENT

The ERHS educational community is accountable for rigorous standards-based curricula in a safe, well maintained learning environment which provides a climate of respect for self and others. The school provides an environment which promotes intercultural awareness, holistic learning, and effective communication.