

Life Skills 1-A

*Welcome to room 114.
Let's have a great year!*

Course description

This class consists of both bookwork and hands-on activities. This course will focus on Life Skills that students will need. These skills include, but are not limited to: Daily Living Skills, Money Skills, Interpersonal Skills, and Health and Personal Hygiene. This course is specifically for students earning a *Certificate of Academic Achievement (C.E.A.)*. However, not all students working toward their C.E.A. will be eligible for this class.

Course objectives

The purpose of this course is to teach skills that will help students to live as independently as possible once they are adults.

Course Expectations

Students are expected to come to class prepared and on time every day. Being prepared includes bringing a pencil, paper, and completed homework that may have been assigned.

Grading Scale

100-94% A	76-74% C
93-90% A-	73-70% C-
89-87% B+	69% E
86-84% B	
83-80% B-	
79-77% C+	

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Conference Hour: 7th hour--2:10-3:00

Classroom

Rules

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**

Students are expected to follow the rules outlined in their student handbook. Please make sure you, and your child, familiarize yourselves with the handbook.

Class

Work

- Must be completed on time to be eligible for full credit.
- I expect your 100% personal best-- you should too!
- If you have an **excused** absence, you have as many days to make up the work as you were gone.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to come to me or Mrs. Lepper to get the work that you missed.
- Homework is not given often, but when it is assigned, you are expected to complete it and turn it in on time.
- Cheating will earn you a zero and a write up.

The materials used in class are based on your academic levels. Therefore, you are expected to complete all assignments.

Attendance and Academic Expectations

Regular attendance is vital to your academic success at Houghton Lake High School. Having good attendance ensures that you will not have gaps in your learning. Everything we do in class, builds on what you learned the day before. A major portion of your grade is based on your participation. If you are not here, you cannot receive participation points. However, if you have an excused absence, you will receive an “exc” for your grade. This will not lower your overall participation grade.

Grade Weights

- Participation 35%
- Classwork/Homework 25%
- Tests/Quizzes 20%
- Journal 20%

If your behavior prohibits you from participation, you will receive a zero for that particular activity.

Field Trips

Throughout the school year, we will be taking various field trips. Your parents will need to read and sign the attached “Blanket Permission Slip” for you to be able to go. If you do not return the signed permission slip, you will not be allowed to participate. You will stay at the school, in another teacher’s classroom, and complete an assignment that will be due the following day. You must behave appropriately at all times during any field trip. Failure to do so will result in appropriate disciplinary action and possible exclusion from future trips.

Special Notes

This class is not a study hall. If you have work for another class, you need to complete that work on your own time. Beginning Monday, September 10, 2012, there will be after school tutoring in the library from 3:10-4:40 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you live in Roscommon County, you can schedule the *Mini-Bus* to pick you up after tutoring. If you **stay and work** the entire time, the school will provide you with one token for the bus—that is the cost if you schedule your ride 24 hours in advance. If you call the same day, you will be responsible for the other token. Also, if you cannot attend tutoring, and you have already scheduled the bus, make sure you cancel. If you do not, **you** will be responsible for any bus fare owed.