

Walden Middle School Computer Class Success Sheet

General Curriculum Outcomes

Students will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the operation of a computer system and applications.
- Understand and adhere to the ethical and social issues related to technology.
- Use computers to enhance learning, increase productivity and promote creativity.
- Use technology resources as an academic tool to support studies in the content area classroom.

Curriculum

Walden's curriculum is supported by a scope and sequence and expanded units of instruction. Students in middle school computer experience learning in a variety of ways. Keyboarding skills are reinforced throughout middle school. Research techniques are often delivered in combination with science, social studies and language arts. A focus this year will be on the new Microsoft Office 2007 applications; Word, Power Point, Excel and Publisher. School theme projects, academic software and Web activities are all included in computer class. Collaboration with content area teachers on assignments as well as collaborative efforts using research techniques both on the web and library are encouraged.

Students in middle school are scheduled for a trimester of study with the exception of 5th grade which has class twice a week for the entire year.

Assessment

Students in middle school are given a grade in class work, projects and quizzes. Directions and rubrics are posted on my faculty web page under projects. All work is completed in class. Ample time is given so that all students may finish a project at their own place. Generally no homework is given but sometimes items for research are asked to be brought from home.

Classroom Behavior

In general, students are expected to use their regular classroom behavior standards while in the computer lab. Specific rules relating to the lab are applied and reviewed with each class. A copy of the Walden School *Computer, Network and Internet Use policy* is listed in the Walden Directory & Handbook. This policy applies to all computers in the school. Any violation of the computer use policy will result in appropriate consequences.

Teacher Accountability

It is my goal to challenge middle school student's to increase their understanding that the computer is an academic tool. This will benefit the student throughout their school career and beyond. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or the Walden Computer program, please contact me at the school. My phone extension is 306 or email lfitts@walden-school.org.

Thank you,
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