

FAQs

What is the best way to reach you?

I believe good communication is essential to ensuring the success of our students and want to make sure we are able to communicate efficiently and effectively throughout the semester. E-mail is the best way to contact me, although you may still call if you prefer. My e-mail address is Iris_C_Staten@dekalbschoolsga.org

Do you give extra credit?

As stated in the syllabus, I do not extend "desperation" extra-credit assignments, but I do provide several opportunities for students to improve their grade throughout the semester. Students must take advantage of these opportunities when they are offered otherwise there is no way to gain additional points.

Do you offer tutorial?

Yes. Tutorial is offered by appointment after school from 3:25-3:45pm. Tutorial is most effective when the students have completed all related assignments and come prepared with specific questions. Parents can help by reviewing vocabulary and key ideas with the student daily.

How often do you assign homework?

Often. Just as great athletes train and practice to excel at their sport, I believe that it is important to "train" for academic subjects as well. However, I do not assign homework "just because", it is my expectation that students be familiar with the material assigned in class the next day or have questions prepared to ask.

What types of opportunities will be available for the students to improve their grade?

Please see the back of this sheet for more information.

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How you can improve your grade....

1. Students can earn credit for reviewing the syllabus with their parents and completing the electronic signature form on the website. (The form can also be physically signed and returned if unable to sign electronically.) The syllabus must be signed/ returned during the first week of school or within 3 days for students who are added to the class after the first week.

2. Beginning September 2nd, parents can send me an email from THEIR email address with the following information: a) student's current grade in Infinite Campus, b) student's current number of absences, c) student's current number of tardies, with the student's name in the subject line. This will be an ongoing opportunity at the end of each week for the **entire semester**, however, there are specific guidelines that must be followed in order for credit to be given. The emails must be sent no earlier than 4pm Friday or later than 8am the following Monday. I will not give credit for emails sent outside of these parameters.

I will give a few other opportunities throughout the semester, however, those opportunities must be taken advantage of when offered. **I WILL NOT CREATE SPECIAL EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENTS** so please do not ask and be sure to take advantage of the opportunities I do have available.