**Boca Ciega High School 2020-2021**

**Syllabus: Learning Strategies/APEX Credit Recovery Program**

# Instructor Information

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**Welcome Pirates,**

Welcome to the new school year at Boca Ciega High School! Learning Strategies is designed to help each student with strategies to be successful in all of their classes. This class will help them with organizational strategies, self-advocacy strategies, monitoring GPA/graduation requirements, assignment completion and test taking strategies. Tutoring will also be provided when needed for their other classes.

This class will also provide each student an opportunity to recover credits or to do grade forgiveness to improve their GPA (thru APEX). This will be a great opportunity and privilege for students to get back on track to graduate if they are behind in credits or GPA.

**What is APEX?**

APEX is a computerized web based program. Most academic core subjects are offered on APEX. These subjects include, but are not limited to: Geometry, English, American History, and Earth Space Science courses. While it is self-paced, we do expect you to complete your one semester course within one semester.

**How does APEX work?**

Students will begin each module, and most will have a pretest, which will determine what he/she knows and needs to review. If the course does not have pretests, a student will work through the lessons and quizzes and will complete a unit test for each module. Please note, a personalized pathway of learning will be created based on the pretest. Students will work through assigned lessons, and take notes through each lesson. There will be several quizzes throughout each unit to check a student’s understanding. The student has three attempts at each quiz and is required to earn a 70% or better to move on. At the end of each unit is a test that covers all the material from each module in the unit. A student has two attempts at the unit test, and like quizzes, must earn a 70% or better to move on.

Students can use their notes (Cornell Way) on quizzes and tests **(internet and other electronics are not allowed)**.

**Can Students work at home?**

**Yes**, *students can work at home on lessons and quizzes*. APEX can be accessed through Google Chrome @ **www.apexvs.com**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to work at home!

**\*\*\*You are in a one semester course; therefore, you should complete the course within one semester. \*\*\*\***

## **Expectations and Goals**

Our expectation is that you complete your one semester course within one semester and ask for assistance when needed.

**Grading:** Student’s grades will be averaged by these criteria.

* Student’s must complete each module with a posttest score of 70% or higher**. (All testing must be done in the APEX lab room 4-101).**
* After students complete all the modules, then their posttest scores will be averaged.
* Additional points can be added for good **Cornell Way** notes.

5% for Excellent Cornell Way notes, 3% Fair Cornell Way notes.

* The final exam will be averaged into the overall grade.
* After students complete their course, the grade change will be updated on Portal.

**Key’s to being successful in APEX?**

1. Good Attendance
2. Come to class/log in ready to work.
3. Respectful to peers and teachers
4. Stay positive
5. Have good communication with teachers.

**Discipline:** Consequences for Inappropriate behavior or breaking school rules.

1. Verbal Warning
2. Seat change
3. Teacher/Student conference
4. Parent contact/detention
5. Possible referral to AP/Behavior Specialist/Guidance Counselor

**We are looking forward to having a GREAT YEAR with you!**