



Pay it Forward Grand Haven High School



Course level: Senior

Credits: .5

Prerequisite Courses: None, but must have an application to get into the class

Course Description

Pay it Forward is a Senior level elective course. The class works with various non-profit organizations, city leaders and business leaders to construct a project that deal with an issue the community is facing at the local level. Students also spend a great deal of time focusing on learning about the issues within our community. This is done by visiting the non profits or by engaging people who are either facilitators of growth surrounding an issue or are an individual who has lived through a difficult experience. *Students will be off campus many days (sometimes as a class and sometimes independently with their group).

Course Objectives

This course should expose students to the number of non profit organisations that we have in our community. It will also expose them to places where improvements can be made. Additionally, they will learn a tremendous amount about team work, leadership and collaboration.

Student Expectations

The student is self-motivated and self-directed (*independent worker*), the student is a positive leader by his/her actions and words (*leadership*), the student utilizes higher-level thinking skills such as analyzing, inferring, applying, and creating (*thinking skills*), the student has a good work ethic, stays on task, and remains focused and diligent (*work ethic*), the student listens actively, answers questions, is engaged in class discussion, does his/her part in group activities and uses class time productively (*participation*), the student goes “above and beyond” the minimum requirements for an “A” thus producing quality work (*motivation*), the student’s writing reflects insight, creativity, and thoroughness in addition to following the appropriate format (*writing ability*), the student listens and is respectful of others’ opinions, follows classroom procedures, and is cooperative and congenial (*behavior*)

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Communication

The student will be provided with specific contact information for teachers as well as access to our Google Classroom. As the class is unique students will also be using text messaging to get information from their teacher.

Grading Policy

80% of your grade is summative assessment and 20% of your grade is formative assessment. The final exam will be comprehensive and will count for 20% of the semester grade.

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