**Mr. Haywood’s Guidelines for Success**

**1) Be Detail-Oriented.**

- Directions must be followed exactly.

- Problems often require many steps.

- Focus and engagement are required.

**2) Be Able to See the Big Picture.**

- New scenarios require integration of previously learned concepts.

- “What if …” must be considered.

- Consider what comes next or the generalizations that can be made.

- Focus and engagement are required.

**3) Be an Active Learner.**

- Self-assessment is critical.

- Troubleshooting and correcting errors in your work, and the work of others, is extremely important.

- You must be able to process information quickly.

- You must work with others to enhance learning and understanding.

- You must participate in class discussions.

- You must ask questions of both the teacher and your classmates.

- Focus and engagement are required.

**4) Don’t Let Outside Factors or Self-Doubt Interfere With Your Learning.**

- Find healthy ways to deal with the stresses in your life. (exercise, play an instrument, mindfulness, pets, community service, etc…)

- Establishing positive relationships with every person in your daily life is essential for your success. (parents, teachers, peers, siblings, counselors, …)

- Advocate for yourself. Ask for help.

- Focus on yourself and your learning, not only grades.

- Eliminate distractions (friends, social media, devices, etc…) without isolating yourself. Be self-aware about what is good and bad for you as both a student and person.

- Focus and consistent effort are required.