

Dear AP Research Student,

We are excited about working with you in the 2020-2021 school year. The 2019-2020 school year was a tough one due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but we have all persevered, and here we are together!

Hi! Mrs. Long here! The 2020-2021 school year will be my 9th year at WGHS and my 16th year in education. I have been an AP Reader for Research for the past 4 years, which has enabled me to feel confident in steering you all in the right direction as you construct your papers and prepare for presentations! We also have a new addition to the AP Research team, Mr. Simonetti!

Hi everyone! I am very excited and honored to start teaching AP Research this year. This will also be my 9th year at WGHS and as many of you know, I am also the AP Statistics teacher. Don't worry though, I am still teaching AP Statistics this year, so you will get another letter from me! I am looking forward to working and learning with you all in August!

We are looking forward to our upcoming year. AP Research is a class that will teach you many of the necessary skills needed for college: time management, critical thinking, autonomy, and how to conduct your own research. This is a course that requires hard work but is also a class in which you can be successful. Previous classes have had a 90% pass rate!

Many past Research students have talked with you and stressed the importance of finding a topic that you are passionate about. Take this advice seriously. Do not choose a topic because it seems easy. Find something that you are truly interested in and care about. We will use the month of May and possibly the summer months to jump start this process. Start thinking about potential topics as soon as you can and do not fear changing your mind. Research is a recursive process!

This class will rely on both REMIND and Google Drive. Please sign up for the Remind today:

Remind Information:

<https://www.remind.com/join/wgresearch>

Send a text to 81010 and text this message: @wgresearch

To access Google Drive, please go to the website: drive.google.com (we will use this throughout the school year). Google Drive is how you will receive information and assignments and will also be how you share your work with us.

Please begin the Pre Research work in the folder labeled Pre Research. Be thorough and dedicated with your work. When it comes to completing assignments, we are interested in your thought process not the mere completion of the assignment. Please feel free to email either of us with questions or ideas throughout the month of May and through the summer. We will check our email, and we are happy to brainstorm with you.

This class is designed to be independent in nature; however, we are your guides. We can help you, but you must advocate for yourself and ask the questions!

As of right now all of you should have created a folder in drive titled: your last name, first name AP Research, and this folder should have several sub folders. Please make sure your main folder is titled correctly and that we have editing access. Your folder should be shared with: dianelong27@gmail.com, and nicolas.simonetti21@gmail.com. Being organized in drive is quite important. If you have questions about this, please ask.

Enjoy the summer. Have fun. Do some reading. Watch some interesting TED Talks. Be sure to have your Pre Research completed and in the appropriate folder by the first day of class!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Long and Mr. Simonetti

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