

First Semester Overview

Freshman Focus

September

Overview of course

High school (Building and Staff) orientation

*Scavenger hunt, Freshman focus fun facts

Welcome to HHS resource services

*Meet resource teachers, learning lab procedures, assistive technology lab, homework lab day/board, progress reports, supportive teachers

Introduction to extracurricular activities

*Student representatives panel, club overview from The Longboat, ongoing assignment

IEP preview/discussion

Team building/Get-to-know-you activities

*Get-to-know you bag, character biopoems

Discussion of hopes and dreams

*Box project, October Sky, The Story of Krissann

Test-taking strategies

Confidential student profile forms

*Teacher meetings

Fish Philosophy Video

*Small fish again article

Mentor journal

Hooray for You

Differences between middle school and high school

October

Success stories project-famous people who have overcome obstacles and found success

*www.schwablearning.com, Women Scientists With Disabilities Video

Active Listening/Participant strategies

Mid-term individual meetings

*GPA goal/objectives, GPA mountain

Introduce self-determination/self-advocacy

*Rudy, definition of self-determination (Knowing yourself well enough so you can ask for what you need to get what you want), take pretest

LD self-advocacy manual (www.ldinfo.com)

*Becoming an expert project

I Knew You Could, Salt in His Shoes

Asset building packet

End of first term

*self-evaluations

Freshman Focus graduates panel

*Quotes

November

Career/Vocational assessments

*Complete packets, schedule assessments

Career interview project

IISD Career Center overview

IEP discussion

*Review paperwork, discuss student involvement to this point

Strengths/weaknesses exploration

Teacher feedback forms

School success checklists

I'm Gonna Like Me

Organizational Strategies

December

Introduce student-led IEP concept

*Five whys

Begin student-led IEP PowerPoint presentations

It's Okay to be Different

Patch Adams

Reading Strategies

January

Through Our Eyes video (HHS-student made)

Complete student-led IEP PowerPoint presentations

Complete IEP paperwork

*PLEP examples

Schedule IEP's

Send out teacher feedback emails

End of first semester discussion

*Transcript discussion, GPA mountain review, new goal/objectives

Giraffes Can't Dance

Final exam project

*CD cover

General education final exam expectation sheets

Acknowledging myself activity

*Graduation Day speech