

**Southgate Anderson**  
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<b>Course Name:</b>	Shaping Your Future
<b>Course Number:</b>	1685
<b>Course Credit:</b>	.5 / trimester
<b>School Year:</b>	2008/2009
<b>Instructor:</b>	Rachael Cannon and Amanda Bias

**Course Description:** This course is designed to improve the character and leadership traits among high school students. Shaping Your Future will prepare students for success in all facets of their lives. The format of the class includes, ethical dilemmas, current events, core reading, basic skills and writing assignments. Character traits explored include, attitude, preparation, perseverance, respect, honesty, integrity, courage, appreciation, self-control, empathy, etc.

**Course Objectives:** Students will develop skills that will aid in:

- To improve your overall development.
- To show the need for stronger character and moral development.
- To improve communication skills.
- To develop critical thinking and decision-making skills.
- To encourage you to demonstrate tolerance and respect for other people's viewpoints.
- To discuss the importance of higher education.

**Student Competencies:**

- To improve your overall development.
- To show the need for stronger character and moral development.
- To improve communication skills.
- To develop critical thinking and decision-making skills.

- To encourage you to demonstrate tolerance and respect for other people's viewpoints.
- To discuss the importance of higher education.

**Required Text:** Provided by instructor: Role Models: Examples of Character and Leadership

**References & Other Resources:** Not Applicable

**Course Advisory Committee:** Rachael Cannon, Amanda Bias, Tonya Malecki, Kathy Carey, Rosann Roloff, Larry Miele, Karen Close, Jennifer Armstrong.

**Class Assignments:** Assignments may vary with the students' abilities but will include :

- Daily journaling
- Assigned reading
- Ethical Dilemmas
- Quizzes
- Weekly writing assignments

**Final Exam:** The final exam will be 20% of the student's grade. It will be comprised of two portions, multiple choice and essay. Each portion will be worth 50% of the final exam grade.

**Class Policies:** Along with the School policies in the Southgate Anderson High School Student Code of Conduct the student will have the following classroom policies.

- Disruptions will not be tolerated. There will be times to listen, times to talk and times to read on this class. I need you to know the difference between these times. This class can be a lot of fun, but cooperation is needed at all times.
- Students will show respect for their fellow classmates and their instructor. During the trimester, we will routinely discuss our personal values and give opinions on a variety of important subjects. "Put-downs" will not be tolerated! There are many ways to disagree with someone without criticism.
- This class is different from other classes you have taken. Personal responsibility is stressed.
- We all have different attitudes about school. Some love school, others view it as a waste of time, and other just try to get by. I ask that you view this class differently-begin this class with a positive attitude. Everyday, I want you to give me your best effort and full attention.
- You will be given time in class to complete all assignments. It is rare that I assign homework. It is up to you to complete assigned work in class, if you do not, it is your responsibility to finish at home.
- You are strongly encouraged to participate in class. This class will only be as interesting as you, the student, make it. Everyone's opinion counts in here!
- Hallway passes are viewed as a privilege. If you abuse this privilege, it will be taken away. You must have your planner with you to receive a pass.
- I expect all students to adhere to all of the school policies including dress code, phones, I-pods, etc. You will be sent to the office if you are in violation of dress code. Your phone/I-pod will be given to an administrator if I see you using it.
- Tardy policy is strictly enforced.
- If you are absent it is your responsibility to check the calendar and get what you missed. If you need to make up a quiz, you must arrange a time with me. I will not keep track of this for you.
- There will be no food in this classroom

**Evaluation & Grading:** Grades are updated frequently on PowerSchool. Students are encouraged to monitor this for any errors which may occur.

The final grade will consist of the Trimester grade worth 80% and final exam worth 20%. *You may opt to take your final exam even if you are exempt in an attempt to improve your grade. Your final grade will not be used if it lowers your grade.*

All work is graded on a point system and then converted into a percentage grade. Southgate Schools uses the following percentage grading scale:

100	A+	84 – 80	B-	69 – 67	D+
99 – 95	A	79 – 77	C+	66 – 65	D
94 – 90	A-	76 – 75	C	64 – 60	D-
89 – 87	B+	74 – 70	C-	59 and below	
86 – 85	B				

**Course Outline:** All topics covered follow the same format.

**Topics:**

Attitude	Empathy
Preparation	Gratitude
Perseverance	Tolerance
Respect	Duty
Honesty	Loyalty
Integrity	Responsibility
Courage	Compassion
Appreciation	Leadership
Self-control	Character

**Format:**

- Ethical dilemma
- Lecture and discussion
- Character movie and discussion
- Biographical Reading and Quiz
- Weekly assignment

**Articulation Agreements:** Not applicable