

Exploratory Elective Syllabus

Apostles Lutheran School

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Course Description

Exploratory is designed to give students the ability to explore their individual interest by using their God-given abilities to their fullest potential.

Students will become experts on the topic of their choice and demonstrate that expertise through a project (one per quarter) and presentation. They will develop a guiding question and use multiple avenues of research to develop a complete understanding of the topic.

Classroom time will be divided among mini-lessons related to aspects of research, design, and presentation as well as work time dedicated to journal entries, research, and project preparation.

Objectives

1. You will use your God-given abilities in pursuit of academic excellence in topics of your choice. (*ESLR A. 1*)
2. You will apply critical thinking and problem solving skills in the development of a project and presentation. (*ESLR A. 3*)
3. You will demonstrate effective communication skills through speaking, writing and technology. (*ESLR So. 3*)
4. You will reflect God' love to others in their constructive criticism and encouragement of others in the class. (*ESLR Sp. 2*)

Supplies Needed

- Binder or Folder

Deadlines

Third Quarter

- *January 28* Topic Submission
- *Weekly* Blog Submissions
- *March 9* Project Completion
- *March 11, 16, 18* Presentation

Fourth Quarter

- *April 1* Topic Submission
- *Weekly* Blog Submissions
- *May 20* Project Completion
- *May 27, June 1, 3* Presentation

Grading (Rubrics will be provided for each quarter)

The Project is 60% of your grade per quarter. It includes the actual construction, designing, and/or writing of your project, the research cited, and other items included in the project rubric.

Presentation is 30% of your grade per quarter. This includes your ability to clearly deliver your topic within the guidelines stated in the rubric including areas like enthusiasm, preparedness, comprehension, time-limit etc.

Critique/Reflection is 10% of your grade each quarter. This portion of your grade is the instructor's evaluation of your critique of your classmates projects as well as your regular and thoughtful participation in the classroom blog.