

A C E Adventure Curriculum Experience

Schweinfurt Middle School
Preparing Students to be Successful in the 21st Century
Modeling, Teaching, Practicing, and Evaluating...

Focus on Reading Comprehension and Math Skills

Adventure Curriculum Experience

This subject goes back to what used to be called “Outdoor Education”, an extra curricular activity, which culminated in a trip to Hinterbrand Lodge / Berchtesgaden. Meanwhile the Lodge has been closed, and the program became a curricular activity for students in the schools.

ACE can be seen as an alternative PE program with the emphasis on team effort rather than individual competition.

These are the Goals that were selected for this class:

STUDENTS -

- ✓ develop an enhanced view and better understanding of self and, by evaluating one’s ability in a setting of challenge, realize the possibilities for personal change and growth,
- ✓ develop the ability to work better within a group and develop problem-solving skills in a group setting,
- ✓ develop an expanded understanding of the environment and of the interaction between people and nature.

In a large variety of activities, the students experience what

- ✓ *creating a community,*
- ✓ *establishing a Full Value Contract”,*
- ✓ *solving problems in the community,*
- ✓ *building trust, and*
- ✓ *cooperation in a team*

mean, and how much they can achieve that way.

This class will take place once every six days during ADVISORY / TUTORIAL during the regular school day, and it will last the whole school year. In addition, there will be one, or several outings, depending on the security situation. **There will be a need for chaperones to do these outings.**

Although it is not necessary for students to dress out, sports shoes are recommended. If any further equipment is needed, the students will be informed in a timely manner.

Be Honest

THE GRADES IN ACE:

Since the program is considered to be of high educational, and experiential value to the students, assessment of student progress will take place. The assessment will be based on the above mentioned issues: behavior in the community, adhering to the contract, problem solving, keeping trust, being reliable, and cooperative.

Types of grades:

- Class participation:

The class participation grade consists of the grades collected during instruction, i.e.: active participation in group planning, and in the activities. Criteria for the grading are the five values of team cooperation:

- Be Here,
- Be Safe,
- Be Honest,
- Set Goals'
- Let Go And Move On.

PLEASE NOTE: The grades are made by computer and a current update will be available any time upon one day's notice

The Rules of the Activity

1. Be punctual.
2. At entering the room: Quietly join your group and sit in a circle.
3. Participate in the activities actively, pay attention and follow directions promptly.
4. Be respectful to yourselves, your classmates and your teacher.
5. At the end of class: Stay in your group until your teacher dismisses you.

CONSEQUENCES: There will be one warning and then a consequence in accordance with the school wide discipline policy (see Student-Parent-Teacher -Handbook).

If you would like to contact me, please call SMS: # 354-6813, or email me to: Heribert.hieke@eu.dodea.edu .

Looking forward to a lot of fun and success, _____
(H. Hieke, Instructor ACE)

Please, cut off this section and send it back with your child. Thank you.

I have read this note and talked it over with my child _____.
(child's name)

_____ (Parent's signature)