

December TA Topics for 9th Grade TA

- Discuss Drop and Add
 - Monday – Thursday
 - 7:30 am – 4:00pm
 - Before school, during TA, Study Hall or Lunch, After School
 - Students will not be allowed to drop and add during a class period other than TA or Study Hall
 - Drop and add will be limited due to availability of classes.
 - Year Long Classes: In most cases students will not be allowed to drop a year-long class if they have a grade of 4 or above. See your counselor if you have questions.
 - Semester Classes: If a student would like to change an elective semester class, it will depend on the availability of an alternate course.

- Explain how FINAL EXAMS work.

- Discuss what happens if a student fails a class
 - If the class is required—the student must take class again

- Discuss how the semester grade is computed
 - Quarter 1, quarter 2, final—not all teachers use the same technique
 - Teachers have option of assigning weights of 5-20% on final exams

- Explain the importance of Semester 1 grades

- Email counselors with names of students with whom you have concerns.

- Continue to make contact with each student about grades

- Remind students to ask teachers for help if they are struggling in certain areas. Utilize 8th period or peer tutoring if necessary.

- Review the attendance policy. Explain to students they will receive a certified letter if they have over 8 absences. If students have questions or concerns, they should contact the assistant principal or counselor.
- Have a Happy Holiday Season!