

**NORTHERN BURLINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2017-2018 Course Map**

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| <b>Department</b> | Social Studies | <b>Course</b> | Intro to Psychology |
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**Source of Standards**

<http://www.nj.gov/education/aps/cccs/science>

*21st Century Skills/Career Ready Practices*

- **The 12 Career Ready Practices**
  - These practices outline the skills that all individuals need to have to truly be adaptable, reflective, and proactive in life and careers. These are researched practices that are essential to career readiness.
- **9.2 Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation**
  - This standard outlines the importance of being knowledgeable about one's interests and talents, and being well informed about postsecondary and career options, career planning, and career requirements.

**Sequence- Unit Titles and Number of weeks per unit**

Unit 1: Intro to Psychology - 3 weeks  
 Unit 2: Biology and Psychology - 2 weeks  
 Unit 3 : States of Consciousness- 4 weeks  
 Unit 4: Development- 3 weeks  
 Unit 5: Abnormal - 6 weeks

**Enduring Understanding**

- Explain how psychology examines human behavior and the mental processes through many different theories.
- Psychology is an ever changing field of science that examines human behavior and the mental processes through many different theories and no one answer on how the mind works.
- Due to the nature of studying human behavior and the mind, psychologists must follow defined ethical standards and a specific research methodology to ensure reliability and validity of their theories.
- The importance of research to providing validity to psychological theories.
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- The human ability biologically adapt to our ever-changing environment allows our specie to develop, thrive, cope through social interactions with other.
- The importance of each stage of conscious to our biological and psychological development.
- How altered states of consciousness can have a positive and adverse affect on our biological and psychological development.
- The human ability learn and adapt to our ever-changing environment allows our specie to develop, thrive, cope through social interactions with other.
- How human being grow and develop physically and psychologically to help in studying and understanding human behavior.
- Due to the intricate nature of the human mind, disorders may occur that must be studied to improve our understanding of psychology.

### **Essential Questions**

- How are the many subfields and perspectives of psychology different and similar?
- How do Psychologists develop new knowledge and interpret research?
- What role does the nervous system play in your behaviors and mental processes?
- Why do we all perceive the same stimuli differently?
- How is consciousness related to other mental processes?
- What other forms can consciousness take?
- What environmental influences affect the conscious mind? *How do they affect it?*
- How does the human memory allow us to remember information and sometimes forget information?
- What has the most influence on our development; Nature or Nurture?
- What differences in capabilities do we possess and what challenges do we face in each stage of development?
- How does one's environment affect their psychological and cognitive development?
- How has the treatment and understanding of mental disorders changed and improved over time?
- How are psychological disorders identified and classified?
- How do psychologists treat psychological disorders?

### **Reporting Student Progress**

- All courses follow a balanced assessment system with Practice, Assessments, Evaluations.
- ✓ Multiple choice / essay test
  - ✓ Benchmark Evaluations
  - ✓ Student-based learning activity on the schools of psychology
  - ✓ Data collection activity
  - ✓ Vocabulary Quiz

- ✓ Classroom discussion / debate
- ✓ Common Summative Assessments
- ✓ The Super Brain project
- ✓ The Senses Lab Activity
- ✓ Labeling the brain, eye, and ear
- ✓ Students-based activity on sleep disorders
- ✓ Dream Journal
- ✓ Cues and Questions
- ✓ Oral Review
- ✓ Homework review and check
- ✓ Research project on psychological disorders
- ✓ Case studies Project

### **Resources (Text and Technology)**

- Thinking About Psychology *The Science of Mind and Behavior*  
Worth Publishers 2013
- Discovering Psychology Series
- Excerpts of A Beautiful Mind
- Excerpts of Regarding Henry
- Stanford Prison Experiment- Zimbardo
- Kitty Genovese- A social psychology reading
- Mean Girls
- What About Bob
- Inception