

## Grand Island Public Schools **PSYCHOLOGY**

**Course Length:** One semester

**Grade Levels:** 11, 12

**Prerequisite Courses:** None

**Course Description:**

This course introduces students to psychology, the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. The course addresses five broad content domains: methods, biopsychological, developmental, cognitive, and variations in individual and group behaviors.

### **Psychology Course Standards**

**As a result of their participation in this course, students will:**

- Understand the scientific nature of psychology.
- Know the biological processes that underlie our actions.
- Understand the physiological and environmental influences on development.
- Understand cognitive processes.
- Understand the sociocultural dimension of their psychological lives.
- Improve in the ability to reason scientifically about behavior.
- Use psychological concepts meaningfully to explain behavior in speaking and writing.
- Reflect the values of the discipline of psychology.
- Improve in the ability to interact effectively with others.