

Dear Parents,

In just a few short months, your child will be entering high school, thrust into a world very different from middle school. They will be expected to keep track of 8 unconnected classes, the assignments that go along with those classes, and the deadlines that go along with those assignments. As 8th grade teachers, we have noticed that many of our students lack the skills they need to succeed in this world:

- Keeping up with/taking care of supplies (chromebooks, assignments, etc.)
- Meeting deadlines
- Following directions
- Completing assignments

Beginning with the new semester, we will be holding our 8th graders to a higher standard and expecting more from them.

- Assigned work is expected on the due date.
 - If it is 1 day late, a 70 is the highest grade it can receive.
 - A 0 will be given after this point.
- Failing test grades must be corrected/retaken within the week for a 70. After this, it remains the grade it was originally given.
- Time limits will be used on assignments in class. Assignments not finished in class will be finished for homework and turned in the next day.
- Students will be given 5 opportunities to attend ZAP for each 9 weeks (1 per core class).
- Students will be expected to keep up with their assignments, journals, and projects through google classroom, teachers' blogs, and student planners.

You may notice a decrease in grades as we begin this new endeavor, but we are hopeful students will soon realize the correlation between their grades and the amount of attention they pay to them.

As parents, you can help your student by

- Checking Skyward daily
- Knowing upcoming assignments/tests your student may have
- Checking your child's planner and encourage them to use it
- Signing up for all of your child's teachers' blogs

Please sign and return ONLY the bottom portion of this letter by FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018. Keep the top as a reminder of our policies put in place to help your child.

I have read and understand the policies discussed in the above letter.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date