

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS

CONTACTING TEACHERS

Because teachers spend the day teaching your children and attending team, department, and other meetings, we usually are unable to check our e-mail and voicemail until the end of the school day. We will make every attempt to return your emails and phone calls within 24 hours.

If you have a question or concern about a specific class, please contact that teacher first. Usually a simple phone call or email will answer a question about an assignment or something that happened in that class which affects your child.

HOMEWORK

Check your child's planner and the Huskie Hub teacher websites for updated information on homework assignments. (www.hub.isd282.org) No late assignments for daily homework are accepted in any eighth grade class. Late projects may be accepted at teacher's discretion.

GRADES

The best way to determine your child's grade status in a class is by accessing the online grading system through the Huskie Hub website. Please understand that it takes time for teachers to grade assignments and to enter grades online. For assistance on how to use the online grading system, please contact Traci Adams, the middle school secretary. (612-706-1030)

ABSENCES

According to the school policy, "a student shall be allowed two school days for the first day absent and one day for each additional day missed to make up work and receive full credit." Also, if students know they will be absent for a family vacation, please notify the teachers at least a week in advance so they have time to prepare any missing work for them. Students absent from school due to a school-related event (such as an outdoor ed or band field trip) are responsible for picking up and making up their work before or on the day they were absent. No extra make-up days will be given to those students.

ORGANIZATION AND PUNCTUALITY

Some eighth graders can have difficulty staying organized throughout the year. Help your child plan so that they can meet deadlines and work around other commitments such as music lessons or sports. Assist them in keeping their backpacks, folders, and lockers neat. It's a good idea to organize backpacks and other school materials before bedtime to avoid forgetting necessary homework, books, and such during the typical morning chaos found in many homes.

Students may use two hall passes out of their planner per day to go to the bathroom. According to school policy, the first two tardies a student receives for being late to class are counted as a warning. For every tardy after that, the student will need to serve a detention or an isolated lunch. The tardy count restarts at the beginning of every quarter.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Many assignments in eighth grade require computers, printers, and internet access. If these are unavailable in your home, the Media Center is open until 4:00 p.m. every day. Public libraries are also offer computers and internet access.