

Dear Students and Parents,

Homework Policy Update

As a continuing measure to improve student performance, the staff has collaborated and formed a new homework policy that will go into effect the second semester of the 12/13 school year.

Every assignment is given a due date. Students are expected to turn in the assignment on that day, during that class period. Assignments turned in on time will be graded on a 0-100% scale. If an assignment is not turned in on that day, students will have a 5-school-day window when they can still turn in the assignment; however, the assignment will be graded on a 0-60% scale, with 60% as the maximum score available. If the assignment is not turned in during this grace period, it will receive a zero, and there will be no option for make-up.

Example: Teacher A assigns a 10 point worksheet due on 1/10. Student B turns in his assignment on 1/10, and is given a 9.5 out of 10. Student C turns in her assignment on 1/12, and would have scored an 8 out of 10, but because it was late, she now gets a 4.5 out of 10. Student D attempts to turn in the assignment on 1/18, but because it is more than 5-school-days late, he receives a 0 out of 10.

Progress Reports and Report Card Policy

A separate measure we will be implementing starting this semester is having parents/guardians sign any progress reports or report cards sent home by the school in grades 7 -10. If your son/daughter is in the 11-12 grades and receiving a “D or F” they will also be required to have a signed progress or report card. Our goal in this is to make sure that parents are informed of the success of their students in a timely manner. Students will be expected to show their signed progress report/report card to their advisory teacher within a week after the report’s issue.

The consequence for not returning a signed progress report/report card to advisors within a week after their issue is a Friday school detention. Friday school detention would involve holding a student past early release time for an additional 45 minutes. Friday school students will be released at 2:45. Transportation will not be provided.