

EIGHTH GRADE

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

2022-2023

The eighth grade team is excited for the new school year. This year will be a great opportunity for your son/daughter to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe that all students can learn and have the ability to excel in eighth grade. To continually challenge your child to perform at their highest capabilities, we have outlined some procedures that our team will adhere to this academic school year.

POWER FOCUS AREAS

Part of the curriculum for content area classes found on the platform (PLP) will be Power Focus Areas (PFAs). PFAs allow students to build background knowledge on a given subject area and will be 14% of the student's overall grade. PFAs are required pieces of content knowledge. Students must answer 8/10 content assessment questions correctly to pass. Students should target passing the content assessment within 2 attempts and must pass all PFAs to pass a course.

CONTENT ASSESSMENTS

1ST ATTEMPT

- Take diagnostic
- Piece of evidence: one page for ELA and science, study guide for SS, notes and practice for math

2ND ATTEMPT

- 1 additional piece of evidence
- CA opened by content teacher

3RD ATTEMPT

- One on one with content teacher

TAKING ASSESSMENTS



In core PLP Classes

Office Hours or Study Hall

In Basic Skills Classes

OFFICE HOURS

TUES/WED
AFTER SCHOOL

Available to all students.
Held in room 206 unless, specified by a teacher.

Contact teacher if you are interested in your student attending an upcoming session.

MENTORING



EMAIL WITH PARENTS OR TEACHERS



ONE ON ONE CONFERENCES



SDL TIME



GOAL SETTING



SILENT READING

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PROJECTS

Projects are the main part of the PLP courses. The majority of class time and your student's grade (80%) will be spent on project work. This is where students will apply their content knowledge and build their cognitive skills. Checkpoints are used throughout the projects to assess student learning and to build to a final product. In order for a project to be considered complete, all checkpoints must be green and the final product must be submitted. Due dates for final products will be adhered to.

Math concept areas are 70% of the overall grade. Math portfolios are 10% of the overall grade.

CHECKPOINT COLORS

RED

- Checkpoint is not complete
- Should be completed as soon as possible

YELLOW

- Revisions are needed
- Should be revised as soon as possible

GREEN

- Student demonstrated grade level cognitive skill level or higher
- No further action is required

HOMEWORK



NEED HELP

CONTACT

If you or your student have questions, contact the content area teacher or your student's mentor teacher.

We look forward to a great year!

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

