



## 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Policies

Since 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a transition year to prepare students for high school, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team at Norwayne Middle School will be encouraging the maturity of students regarding the following issues:

### Social Skills

Today's youth are masters of the technological world which seemingly makes their first instinct to text rather than speak in person. If a student has an issue with a teacher whether it be over grades or a specific situation, we would like to see him/her learn to handle it in one of these ways:

- Go directly to the individual teacher and discuss the matter.
- Attend a team meeting on a Friday to speak to the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade team of teachers.

We are asking that parents have their child speak directly to a teacher rather than the parent contacting the teacher to make the teacher aware of a situation. This will be excellent practice for the student to learn how to handle conflict resolution. We're not saying that students should not discuss problems with their parents, we're simply requesting that students learn to approach the person with whom they have a conflict rather than have their parents do it for them. We look forward to working with each student to empower them to be the best citizen they can be.

### Responsibility with Assignments

Because we are looking for first-time quality, assignments are due on their assigned deadline. Homework is due at the beginning of class. If an assignment is turned in late, a deduction in points will be given. When a student has 3 missing or late assignments in one class, they will be given an after school detention.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade staff continues to administer a reward program for students who follow these homework guidelines. It is our intention to motivate these students to do their best to understand deadlines and the importance of keeping those deadlines. If a student has 3 or less late or missing assignments in one subject for the first grading period, they will be eligible for the reward party in October.

Tests that need to be made up due to absence are the responsibility of the student when he/she returns to school. Students will have one week to complete a test after they are absent.

If you have questions or concerns about these matters, please contact a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade staff at NMS. Thank you.

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*We have read the above information and understand the procedures that eighth grader students need to follow in order to understand the importance of social skills and responsibility in completing assignments.*

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*Parent Signature*

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*Student Signature*