

## TIPS FOR GETTING GOOD 😊 GRADES IN ISSAQUAH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

As gathered from past Student-Parent Transition Panel Discussions, Rev 2/07

### 😊 **Write down ALL assignments in your PLANNER**

- EVERY box should be filled in! Forward unfinished items to the next day.
- CHECK OFF completed work. Parents check this weekly when they sign your planner.
- DUE DATES!! Write the assignment on the day it is given AND on the day it is due.
- PUT ALL school AND ALL non-school activities in your planner. Use the space on the bottom of the page to write a schedule for the tasks you need to do that day. Don't forget to block off 8 to 9 hours for sleep each night. Time management skills start now.

*If you don't know the assignment:*

- WEBSITE—check your teacher's eBoard on your school website. Go to [www.issaquah.wednet.edu](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu) to find your school's website.
- Homework HOTLINE—check if your teacher has one.
- CALL a friend in the class—get their phone numbers in advance.

*If you are confused about something in class:*

- Talk to your teacher in person, or call his/her voicemail, or send an email. All of the teachers' contact information is on your school's website.
- Make an appointment with your teacher before school (as early as 7:10 am) or after school (Teachers are on campus until 2:40 pm or arrange a later time if needed.)

- 😊 **HOMEWORK time:** Plan on spending at least ONE HOUR every night, same time and same place, doing work, projects or reading. Homework time can fluctuate greatly from day to day.
- 😊 **BINDER:** Clean & organize your binder a minimum of ONE time per week. Keep your graded papers stored at home until semester grades are posted to check for "missings".
- 😊 **TUTORS:** Get a name(s) from your counselor or teacher. Tutors can help you with class work, and study or organization skills. There are also free mentoring programs available.
- 😊 **PROGRESS REPORTS:** Check your Basmati scores every 2 to 3 weeks and discuss with your teacher how to improve them if necessary. You are responsible for checking. Don't wait to the end of the semester! Parent-teacher conferences are not automatic. Request one if needed.
- 😊 **ABSENT?** YOU must get YOUR make-up work from the teachers. You have the SAME amount of days to make-up the work that you were absent. Example: three days out—three days to make it up.
- 😊 **STUDY CLUB/H.O.T.** (Homework On Time!)—Start or join a study group.
- 😊 **LIBRARY:** Go there to have a quiet place to do your work or use the computers. It is open before school at 7:15 (9:15 on late start Wednesdays) and stays open until 3:15 (closed Fridays after school). Your library may have study groups and tutors available.
- 😊 **HOBBIES and/or CLUBS:** Organized after school hobbies or clubs help students be more happy and successful. Join in on Spirit Day activities and enjoy belonging to your school. Talk to your school counselor if you need some ideas!!
- 😊 **SET GOALS:** like improving your grade in one class or making a new friend. Are you working toward a reward or privilege😊? Ask your parent to help you make a plan and achieve it.
- 😊 **PARENT RESOURCES:** Your school library or counseling office has parent resource literature, videos, etc. that your parents can check out to better understand current teen issues.
- 😊 **Use your COUNSELOR:** You have the same counselor for 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. You can see him or her before/after school, during lunch, or during class for more serious situations. You can also call/email him or her anytime! Don't be afraid to ask for help. You'll be glad you did!