

Hamilton Middle School Parent Matters

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Students Grades

Student's scores/grades are recorded in PowerSchool as a way to communicate with you. These scores give you an opportunity to understand what your student knows and is able to do. Please be sure you have logged into Power School using the App or online.

(Link to learn how)

- Use the scores as an avenue for conversation.
 Examples of topics: celebrate growth, make a plan to improve, discuss what is being learned in class.
- Follow up with your child's teacher(s) regarding questions & clarifications.

Sept. 15-parents will receive an email if a student has not completed an assessment. An assessment is a test, quiz or project that is done to assess what your student has learned.

The following provides information about Standard Based Grading @ Hamilton Middle School.
Standards Based Grading.

Great Things are Happening Here Work Based Learning

The fifth grade students will be receiving specific instruction about the 8 Skills4Success Standards from different leaders in the area, as well as an introduction into the Construction Career Pathyway.



Character Trait of the Month

September: Personal Accountability

It is described as taking ownership of what happens as a result of a student's choices and actions. The words conscientious and scrupulous will be used to help students understand the trait throughout the month.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Definitions:

There are an estimated 5-7.5
million students in the United
States who are chronically
absent from school

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*National Assessment of Educational Progress

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten

Chronic Absence – Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year Good Attendance – Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)

Between 8th and 12th

grade, a student who

is chronically absent

is 7.4 times more

likely to drop out.

DEFINITIONS:

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

By 9th grade, chronic absence becomes a better predictor of a student dropping out than any 8th grade test score.

By COLLEGE, chronically absent high school graduates have an 11% chance of receiving any degree.

By 8th grade, chronic absent students score an average of 18 points lower on NAEP* tests than students who showed good attendance.

This info graphic was sent by the OAISD. As we move into a routine of school, we look forward to welcoming your student every day possible.

Building Updates



September 15-No School

During this time every teacher will be collaborating & reviewing their students' data including Reading and Math iReady Scores & M-Step Scores. This will help inform teachers on how to best provide instruction for each student's needs especially during Advisory (7/8) and MTSS (5/6).

Dates to remember:

- Sept 5 & 11-5th grade visit Construction Sites
- Sept. 6 Missed Picture Day @ 10:00am
- Sept. 11-Board Mtg. 7:00pm
- Sept. 15.-No School
- Sept. 15-Parents will receive communication if their student has received a 0 on an assessment.

