



# THE EXCEPTIONAL EIGHT

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We are pleased to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and welcome your student to the Eighth Grade at W.A. Perry Middle School. We know that this school year will be very different from previous and we are excited for the new challenges that lie before us. With hard work and determination, this will be one of the best school years yet!

## The Exceptional 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

The Exceptional 8th Grade Team is comprised of many hardworking and dedicated educators. Because we are educators, our first priority is our students. We will have an array of office hours that are dedicated to serving our students!

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## Grading Scale

A - 90 - 100

B - 80 - 89

C - 70 - 79

D - 60 - 69

F - Below 60

## EXPECTATIONS

- Respect everyone at all times
- Attend class on time
- Come to class prepared to learn
- Follow all classroom rules and procedures  
*Failure to follow expectations will result in disciplinary action.*

## Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Block 8:40-9:36

2<sup>nd</sup> Block 9:39-10:35

3<sup>rd</sup> Block 10:38-11:34

4<sup>th</sup> Block (Enrichment) 11:37-12:08

Lunch/Recess 12:08-12:48

5<sup>th</sup> Block 12:51-1:47

6<sup>th</sup> Block (Elective) 1:50-2:46

7<sup>th</sup> Block (Elective) 2:49-3:45



## Assessment & Communication Plans:

- Major Grade (Test/Project/Quiz): 60%
- Minor Grade (Classwork/Homework): 40%
- Progress reports, interims, and report cards will be used to inform you about student grades. Agendas, letters, school website, and all call will be used to communicate with parents on various school matters.
- Parents are invited and encouraged to attend conferences, PTO/SIC meetings, and award programs!

## Goals and Expectations

1. To create an atmosphere conducive for learning
2. To encourage collaboration among students, teachers and parents
3. To foster active student engagement
4. To prepare students for high school
5. To embark on an Interdisciplinary and STEAM approach towards teaching and learning
6. To increase student attendance

## Skills to Help Your Child Be Successful

### Organization is Key

- Make a checklist of items your child needs to take to school every day. This will include textbooks, library books, IDs, paper, AVID binder, laptop, laptop charger, and pencils. Pack backpacks at night to ensure all items are accounted for and are ready for school the next morning.

### Time Management

- Track assignments on the monthly calendar in the Agenda books. Then check off each item as it is completed. Work backward from the due date of larger assignments and break them into nightly tasks.
- Help your child record how much time he/she spends on homework each week to figure out how to divide the time into manageable chunks.
- Designate a time for homework, and help your child stick to the schedule.