



THE EXCEPTIONAL EIGHT

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! We are pleased to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and welcome your students to the Eighth Grade at W.A. Perry Middle School. We know that this school year will be very different from the previous one, 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 8th 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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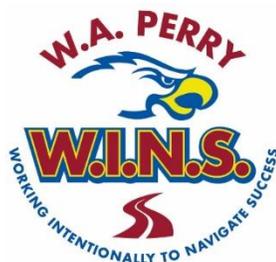
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EXPECTATIONS

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

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, however, you can always access them on PowerSchool. 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!

Schedule

1st Block 8:40am-9:36am

2nd Block 9:39am-10:35am

3rd Block 10:38am-11:34am

4th Block (Enrichment) 11:37am-12:08pm

Lunch/Recess 12:08pm-12:48pm

5th Block 12:51pm-1:47pm

6th Block (Elective) 1:50pm-2:46pm

7th Block (Elective) 2:49pm-3:45pm

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

Time Management

- Set a Consistent Routine
 - Encourage regular homework and study times to build good habits.
- Help with Planning
 - Review your child's planner or calendar weekly to keep track of assignments and activities.
- Create a Dedicated Study Space
 - Provide a quiet, well-lit area free from distractions for focused work.
- Break Tasks into Manageable Steps
 - Teach your child to divide big projects into smaller parts with mini-deadlines.
- Encourage the Use of Timers
 - Using a timer can help your child focus for set periods and remember to take breaks.
- Model Time Management
 - Show how you plan and prioritize your own tasks to set a positive example.
- Praise Effort and Progress
 - Recognize when your child uses time well to motivate continued growth.
- Communicate with Teachers
 - Stay informed about your child's workload and ask for support if needed.