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W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE

EXCEPTIONAL EIGHT

A GUIDE FOR RISING 8TH GRADE FAMILIES • 2026-2027



WELCOME MESSAGE

We are so excited to welcome you and your student(s) to the Exceptional Eight at W.A. Perry Middle School for the 2026-27 school year!

This is an important and exciting year filled with new opportunities, greater responsibilities, and preparation for high school and beyond.

Our 8th grade team is committed to providing a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment where every student can grow academically, build character, and achieve their full potential.

Together — students, families and staff — we will *Rise Together* and make this one of the best school years yet!



MEET YOUR 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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GRADING SCALE

A – 90 – 100

B – 80 – 89

C – 70 – 79

D – 60 – 69

F – Below 60



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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 appropriate consequences.



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 your student's grades, however, you can always access them on PowerSchool upon providing all required information during registration. Letters, school website, and Talking Points will be used to communicate with parents on various school matters.
- Parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend conferences, PTO/SIC meetings, and award programs!



SCHEDULE

1 st Block	8:40-9:36
2 nd Block	9:39-10:35
3 rd Block	10:38-11:34
4 th Block (Enrichment)	11:37-12:08
Lunch/Recess	12:08-12:48
5 th Block	12:51-1:47
6 th Block (Elective)	1:50-2:46
7 th Block (Elective)	2:49-3:45



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.

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