

# **SOUTHPORT EIGHTH GRADE INFORMATION ASSEMBLY**



# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EXPECTATIONS

- We have high expectations for all students at Southport. It is important for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to understand that their behavior, work habits, and attitude set the tone for the entire school.
- Today we will be talking about the specific expectations for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in any end of the year activities and to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony.

# HOMELINK ACCOUNT FOR YOU

Homelink is the website that has a list of all of your homework assignments, your grades, and your attendance records on it. Your parents have access to it. Most of the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders have their own Homelink account. If you do not know how to access your Homelink account, please let Mr. Ainsworth or Mr. Bushnell know and they can set you up.

# PROMOTION CEREMONY

## JUNE 1, 2018

- The Promotion Ceremony will be on Friday, June 1, 2018, on the last day of school. It will be in the morning at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. In order to participate in the ceremony at all K-8 schools there is a **standard practice** about who gets to participate in the ceremony. All K-8 schools will follow the same criteria.



# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

In order to participate in the Promotion Ceremony, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have to meet academic standards during second semester.

Passing grade (of D- or higher) in all classes in spring semester

Final Grades will be submitted May 18

# CONDUCT

- Students must not have any severe or excessive disciplinary incidents during the spring semester as determined by site administration.
- A severe disciplinary incident is defined as a single suspension that is three days or more.

# APPEALS PANEL

- Any student that does not qualify for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion event shall be given a written notice stating the reason(s) for not qualifying on May 14, 2018 and a description of the appeals process.
- The Appeals Panel will consist of Washington Unified School District administrators. Any student who wishes to appeal may do so by submitting a formal letter of appeal. Students may also include letters from parents, teachers, or other staff members as part of their appeal. The Appeals Panel will make a decision based on the information presented and will notify the parents and student in writing.
- The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

# LOST OR DAMAGED MATERIALS

Before you can participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony, you will have to make sure that you have not lost or damaged any of the school textbooks, library books or any school equipment, including sports uniforms. All lost or damaged books will have to be paid to be eligible for the promotion ceremony.



# END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES

- We have a field trip scheduled for the end of the year at River City High School pool. We will have lunch there as well as other activities. Permission slips will be going out to you in the spring about this.
- We are also planning a trip to Sunsplash and a special 8th grade breakfast!
- There is specific criteria to be eligible for any end of the year activities.



# END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES

## Academic Performance

Students must meet the following academic requirements for the second semester **as of 3 weeks prior** to first trip:

- 2.0 grade point average or above in the 5 **CORE** classes (Math, English, History, Science, PE).
- Passing grade (D- or higher) in all classes, including electives, for spring semester.

## Attendance

Students must attend 95% of all school days during the second semester (missing no more than 5 days).

- All absences, excused and unexcused, illness, incomplete study contracts and suspensions, count toward calculation of this attendance rate.
- Any day in which a student has been truant for one or more periods will count as a day of absence.
- Ten or more tardies (in the 2nd semester) will cause a student to be ineligible for field trips.

## Conduct

Students must demonstrate appropriate behavior in and out of the classrooms. Students shall have:

- No more than 2 referrals for second semester.
- No full day suspensions, on or off campus.
- No more than 2 class suspensions for an individual teacher or 3 total class suspensions.

# REMEMBER TO START NOW

- Start now to get your grades up if you need to. Don't wait until it is too late to do your very best.
- You need to put in the extra time to get the help you need. Ask your teachers if you can come in during nutrition break, during lunch, and before/after school. Your grades are YOUR responsibility and it is up to you to ask for help.
- After school homework help is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:40-3:10. If you need extra help or time, after school homework help is a great resource for you to use.

# IT IS UP TO YOU

## It is your responsibility

- Get your grades up
- Come to school everyday and arrive to all classes on time
- Ask your teachers for help if you need help understanding something
- EVERYONE can be successful and EVERYONE here can get good grades
- It is not your parent's responsibility
- You are responsible for getting your assignments and doing your homework

# We want everyone to be successful

Every teacher at Southport wants all of you to pass every class and to be ready for high school.  
If you need help, just ask.



# June 1, 2018 will be your last day at Southport

You have four months to work hard and do the best you can for your own future. We know you can do it.