

# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION

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# WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT “JUNIOR HIGH”

- Changing classes and teachers 8 times per day
- School absences for extra-curricular activities
- Makeup work policies for absences
- Being in proximity to high school students
- Stronger focus on future and career
- Preparing for high school, where failed courses **MUST** be repeated.



# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND THE SOCIAL SCENE

- Greater emphasis on peers
- Stronger need to fit into a group
- Some realigning of social groups
- Area of Concern: Social Media

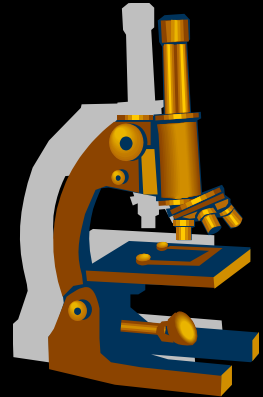


# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND THE ACADEMIC SCENE

- More personal responsibility
- Different teacher for every subject
- More organization required
- Time Management
- Activity Eligibility
- Missing Assignments

# THE 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROGRAM

- Social Studies
- Science
- Math
- English
- Reading
- Chorus &/or Band
- Exploratories
- Study Hall





# EXPLORATORIES

## $\frac{1}{4}$ year courses

- Ag
- Health/PE
- Computers
- FACS (Family & Consumer Sciences)

# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HOMEWORK

- Check your child's schedule
- Check your child's planner
- Up to ½ hour per core subject (total: 2-2 ½ hours a night - depends on how they use their study hall 😊)
- Check the Parent Portal for homework information
- Check teacher websites for lesson plans
- After School Program for all students – mandatory for some



# JUNIOR HIGH LATE WORK POLICY

- Assignments not turned in when they are due will result in the student staying after school that day at 3:34 in Mr. Baca's classroom. Even if work is turned in during the day, there is a 15 minute after school time served.
- Students will be docked 20 percentage points for late homework on the first day\* it is late.
- Students will be docked 40 percentage points for late homework on the second day it is late.
- Students will receive a "0" on any paper that is late on the third day.
- If a student is unable to stay, they must communicate this and make other arrangements with Mr. Baca or Mr. Schumacher, before leaving. Failure to do so will result in detention and a "0" for the assignment.
- \*first day = work turned in to Mr. Baca or to the teacher before school starts the next morning.



# JUNIOR HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- Basic Rules for Success:
- 1) Respect others
- 2) Be kind and helpful
- 3) Listen carefully
- 4) Follow directions
- 5) Work quietly

# HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?



- Establish a routine at home
- Try to avoid over scheduling
- Encourage independence and responsibility
- Try to keep it in balance
- Keep in touch with us
  - [Firstname.lastname@k12.sd.us](mailto:Firstname.lastname@k12.sd.us)



# WHERE CAN YOU GO TO GET IMPORTANT 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INFORMATION?

- The Parent Portal
  - <https://sis2.ddnccampus.net/campus/portaI/miller.jsp>
  - Teacher web pages
  - [http://www.miller.k12.sd.us/high\\_school\\_directory.html](http://www.miller.k12.sd.us/high_school_directory.html)
  - Counselor's Website
  - <http://cb191.k12.sd.us/default.aspx>

# QUESTIONS ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL?

- Call Courtney Van Zee at 605-853-2455 or email at [courtney.vanzee@k12.sd.us](mailto:courtney.vanzee@k12.sd.us)