

Homedale High School Principal Report

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To: Board of Trustees, and Rob Sauer, Superintendent

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Re: Board Report

Homedale High School Current Enrollment:

Total Enrollment: Grades 9-12 343 Was: 347

9th Grade: 91 Was: 89

10th Grade: 69 Was: 68

11th Grade: 99 Was: 100

12th Grade: 84 Was: 89

Second Semester ended well: Eleven students ended the semester with 1 F in their classes, and some of those F's will be recovered within the next few weeks. Overall, this first semester was a great success due to the hard work and willingness of the High School staff to work with our students academically. In February I will include a comparison of last year's F's with this year's F's.

Grading procedure for second Semester:

The high school teachers have requested that we make a few changes to our grading procedures for second semester. During second semester students were allowed to have until the end of the quarter to complete assignments and still receive 100% for the assignments once they were turned in. Allowing the entire 9 weeks to turn in an assignment allowed students to procrastinate and created an even larger problem for the students and the teachers. For students, because they knew they had to the end of the 9 weeks to get an assignment in, they kept putting them off until

their plates were full of missing assignments. This was overwhelming for many of those students and created a lot of stress for them towards the end of the 9 weeks. When the lessons were finally turned in, now the teachers were overwhelmed with a huge pile of assignments that were due weeks earlier.

During our December building leadership meeting the teachers asked if we could make some changes to the procedure. They proposed that we allow students to have until the end of the second week when students are assigned after school detention for a missing assignment to get that assignment in for full credit. If the student does not get the assignment in by that time, they will receive a zero on the assignment. Also, they agreed that they would make every effort to contact the parents during the first week the assignment is missing. I feel this is a good compromise for our missing assignment procedure for the high school.

I will re-write the missing assignment procedure and put it on our high school web-site and also send it out in a mass email to as many parents as possible to make them aware of the change.

Homedale High School Missing Assignment Procedure:

Our vision this year at Homedale High School is to teach students responsibility for getting assignments in on time. Instead of taking away points and lowering their grades when assignments are not in to the teacher by the due date, students will lose social time. We believe that every assignment given needs to be turned in, and the grade received needs to accurately reflect what the student has learned. Work missed must be made up for full credit within the two weeks following the due date for the assignment, our goal is to help and support our students in getting their work in on time.

What does a loss of social time look like? Student social time is daily advisory which consists of a ten minute period from 12:06 to 12:16 p.m. Lunch follows this period from 12:16 to 12:46 p.m. If students do not respond to the first consequences of losing advisory they are assigned before or after school detention, 6:50-7:50 a.m. or 4:00-5:00p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Steps to receiving consequences for Missing Assignments:

Assignments are assigned by the classroom teacher with a due date. If the students fail to get the assignment in on time the classroom teacher has the option to contact the advisory teacher and place the student on the advisory list during that week.

- **Week One Consequence:** Grade checks are performed every Monday morning. Teachers will code missing assignments with an “N” which means the assignment has not been turned in for a grade. This list goes out to all advisory teachers and the student will have to stay in the class during advisory Monday through Thursday.
- The student will have until Thursday at 5:00 p.m. of that first week to turn in their missing assignment, if they do not get the assignment in by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, their name will be added to the missing assignment list for the following week.

- **Week two Consequence:** Students who fail to get the missing assignment in during week one will serve after school detention, (4:00pm – 5:00pm) as a consequence for not turning the assignment in. The student will be released from after school detention once the assignment has been turned into the teacher and the office is made aware that the assignment has been turned in. The student will be required to make arrangements for transportation home if they are assigned after school detention. Transportation will not be provided for those students who normally ride the bus home after school.
- **Consequence for not turning in an assignment at the end of Week Two, (Thursday at 5:00pm) the student will receive a zero on the assignment.**