

Information for NCMS Parents and Students

About Failing Core Academic Subjects & Thunder Power Hour (TPH)

Failing Core Academic Subjects

We want to make sure every child is successful; therefore, it is important that if your child is failing a core academic subject, the issue is addressed. Of course, this requires a positive attitude from your child and extra time/support from the school.

So, what happens if my child is receiving an F in a core academic subject?

If your child is failing an academic subject, we want to provide him/her with an opportunity to improve the grade. To enable us to help your child, extra time and support at school are required. Fortunately, we have an after school tutoring program, Project Success, which will be utilized to help your child improve his/her grades.

Under what circumstances is my child required to attend Project Success?

If your child fails one or more core academic classes for three weeks in a row, he/she will be required to attend Project Success for two days a week from 3:15 to 4:00 until the grade is passing. Once the grade is passing, the student is no longer required to attend Project Success. However, if at any point during the semester, it lowers to an F, the student will automatically be placed in Project Success for two days a week from 3:15 to 4:00 until the grade is passing.

What happens if my child receives an F on a report card?

If your child fails one or more core academic classes on a semester report card, your child will be required to attend Project Success during the following semester or summer for a specific amount of time as written in an Extended Learning Plan. If your child satisfactorily, completes the objectives at the end of the extended learning opportunity, his/her grade will change from an F to a D-. The student must attend all Project Success sessions unless excused by the principal. If the student does not fulfill the terms of this written program, the principal has the right to require additional extended learning opportunities/consequences (including detentions, summer school, suspension, retention, and/or expulsion). During the extended learning opportunity, the principal has the authority to report the student for truancy or to suspend/expel the student for violation of the written plan.

What about students who are out for sports or other activities after school?

Academic classes are the number one priority; however, we also recognize the importance of extracurricular activities. To balance this, any time a student is in Project Success, he or she may go to practice after 4:00. Nevertheless, the student needs to be cognizant that if he or she misses the first part of practice, the net result could be less playing time. The best way to avoid missing after school activities is to keep grades above failing.

Thunder Power Hour (TPH)

All students in grades 6-8 are expected to complete and turn in ALL daily assignments on time and do quality work. Homework is an integral part of the learning process. It is a way for teachers to check for understanding and prepare students for tests. We believe that successfully meeting deadlines is a useful habit for our 6-8 grade students. It is expected that all assigned work will be turned in to the appropriate teacher on time. If a student fails to meet a deadline, the following will occur:

1. The teacher will enter the missing assignment on the TPH spreadsheet. The office will keep a record of the number of times that a student did not turn in his/her assignments on time. After 15 times of being written on the TPH spreadsheet for not having an assignment completed when it is due, the student will be moved to Tier 2. Tier 2 means that the student will stay IMMEDIATELY each night to finish any assignments that were not completed on time. Students and parents will be notified each time that a student has been placed on the list. Once a student is on Tier 2, he/she remains at that level until the next semester. Each student goes back to Tier 1 at the beginning of the semester.
2. For students at Tier 1: If a student returns the completed missing assignment to the teacher by 3:15 the following day, he or she will not be required to attend TPH. However, the assignment that is turned in must be satisfactory work or else the student will still need to attend TPH.
3. If two days have passed since the assignment was to be turned in, teachers have the discretion of docking up to 5% off for late work. If five or more days have passed since the assignment was to be turned in, teachers have the discretion of docking up to 10% off for late work. Teachers must allow make-up time for missed classes as per the handbook before deductions can be taken. Students are always required to do the work.
4. TPH will be held Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00.
5. Some students who are behind may also be required to stay after school on early-dismissal Fridays.
6. Transportation from TPH is a parental responsibility. If there are transportation issues, make-up time will be figured out by the office and parents.
7. If a student is frequently on the TPH spreadsheet, his/her elective course selections will be reviewed. He/She may lose the privilege of taking an elective(s) and be provided more study time during the day.
8. If a student misbehaves during TPH, the student will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted to pick him/her up. The work that was to be completed during TPH will need to be completed at home. The TPH instructor will write up a Behavior Notice. Additional consequences including detentions/suspensions may also occur for students who do not behave appropriately during TPH.