



# Roseville Middle School

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Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

One obstacle to academic success is the failure to complete assigned homework on the part of the student. Roseville Middle School is continuing to develop a homework completion program called Zeros Aren't Permitted (ZAP). The goal of the ZAP program remains the same, to provide support for students, promote responsibility and good study habits, reinforce the value of hard work and effort, and foster good communication between home and school. You are receiving this letter to clarify changes that are being made to the program. ZAP is a strategy for ensuring success and is first and foremost expectation of high academic standards for all students.

Roseville Middle School has been running the ZAP program for three years. During our evaluation of the program and an intense review of our data we have discovered that there are some needed changes to increase the value of the program for all students in our school. At times some students still refuse to make homework a priority for their educational success, therefore some of our changes include outside motivators that will affect those students who simply refuse to follow the protocols built into the ZAP program. The changes in the program are bolded below.

### How it works:

- In all core classes assignments should be **80%** complete before a teacher will accept it. Any assignment which is not 80% complete will result in a student being “zapped” the following day.
- Students who are “zapped” will have that night to complete the assignment for a late grade. As a parent you will be notified by an automated call if your son/daughter has been “zapped” that day.
- If a student does not complete their homework the night they have been zapped they must report to zap lunch the next day to complete their homework.

### **This program is designed to:**

- Increase expectations of students who fail to complete and turn in assignments on time.
- Emphasize the belief that homework assignments/projects are important and must be completed.
- Prepare students for educational success as they move through middle school, high school, and then into college and/or the work place.

Homework Schedule					
Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ELA	X		X		X
Math	X	X	X	X	
Science		X		X	X
Social Studies	X		X		
Foreign Language		X		X	X

## Grading/Consequences

- Students turning in an assignment on which they received zero can earn up to one letter grade lower than they would earn if the assignment was completed on time. The maximum grade that can be earned is “B”
- **Participation in extracurricular activities or rewards may be suspended until ZAP work is completed.**

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