



Navo Middle School

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Dear Parents:

In Denton ISD, we take pride in the rich cultures and deep traditions of teaching excellence that are in each of our secondary schools. As one example of our commitment to preparing each student to achieve academic and personal success, we began a study two years ago around improving how we could most accurately communicate students' academic progress. This study culminated in the development of new grading guidelines for this school year.

Here at Navo Middle School, we have had a number of positive experiences. Our teachers and students have collaborated to develop strategic plans for increasing student success. Students are taking the initiative to be active participants and owners of their learning.

There have also been challenges, and we are grateful for the feedback that we have received in this regard. Our teachers and I are committed to improving our implementation plan throughout the year so that our practices promote greater confidence and increased achievement for all of our students.

As a direct result of the feedback from parents, we have identified the following areas for prioritized action. We will:

- Systematically evaluate our implementation process to identify successes and areas for improvement so that concerns can be addressed quickly and effectively,
- Proactively communicate with parents and students in an effort to gather information and answer questions, and
- Support and build instructional expertise for all staff around our new grading principles.

We have already begun making improvements in these areas and will continue to do so throughout the year. Two immediate changes illustrate this commitment:

1. Student focus groups have been formed to gather students' ideas and concerns.
2. A two-way communication link that provides parents with quick answers to questions is being posted on our school website this week. It will be active by Monday and can be reached <http://www.dentonisd.org/Domain/4383>.

Using the feedback you have provided as well as input from students, our teachers and I have been meeting to identify and prioritize other specific actions that we will begin implementing in the coming weeks.

As we continue to make adjustments to best support each student and communicate their academic progress, we will continue to seek feedback from you and share information through parent meetings at the campus, the campus website, the school messenger system, and team newsletters.

Sincerely,

Shaun Perry

Principal