

Dear UA MS Parent-

Our school year is off to a great start and our students are adjusting to the new Standards Based Grading format we have adopted. We are encouraged with the 'Growth Mindset' that students are utilizing as they look at challenges as an opportunity for growth. If you did not get an opportunity to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' event in early August and hear about the new Standards Based Grading format, please have your child stop by the office and we will send home a "Parent's Guide" with them. This guide is very helpful as it outlines the purpose and procedures of Standards Based Grading as well as provides the guidelines we will follow for determining eligibility, promotion, and grading policies.

One of the new policies and procedures we have adopted includes weekly eligibility based on Citizenship Grades and Academic Grades. On page 17 of the Guide to SBG you can find the following information: **Extra-Curricular Eligibility-** In order for students to be eligible to participate in sports, after school clubs, Robotics, Science Olympiad, or Debate they must meet the following requirements on a weekly basis.

#### Academic Criteria

- Students must maintain at least a 2 in ALL classes weekly. If a student earns a 1 in a class and an N for Citizenship, they will be required to get an eligibility waiver filled out by those teachers stating they are showing progress and displaying effort towards learning. Students, who don't get the waiver signed, will be ineligible for that week. Grades will be updated prior to Monday morning each week and students will be notified of their eligibility on Monday mornings. Students earning a 1 and a 'P' or 'O' for citizenship will not need a waiver.

#### Citizenship Criteria

- Students must maintain at least an N (Needs Improvement) in ALL classes and meet common area expectations which include behaviors in the hallway, assemblies, bus, lunch, arrival and dismissal EACH WEEK. If a student earns a U (Unsatisfactory) for citizenship, they will be ineligible for the following week. Citizenship grades will be updated prior to Monday mornings and students will be notified of their eligibility.

**IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO GET OFF THE INELIGIBLE LIST, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TUTORING AT LEAST ONE DAY OF THE WEEK THEY ARE LISTED AS INELIGIBLE. ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE LISTED AS INELIGIBLE WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE PERSONAL PHONE CALLS HOME TO NOTIFY PARENTS.**

We are asking that students who are notified on Monday regarding being ineligible call home and STAY MONDAY FOR TUTORING. We have set tutors available each day of the week (M-T-W-Th) from 3-4 PM, but our hope is that if we can get students to stay on Monday, we can then assess if they have made the necessary progress or may need to attend a second day of tutoring that week. Please help support your student by encouraging them to stay for tutoring and focusing on their academic progress. If students who are ineligible fail to attend a day of tutoring that week, they may be required to attend academic ISS sometime during that week so that we can help them refocus on their academic needs.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Amerison or myself regarding any questions you may have about eligibility or tutoring at 412-5917!

Mr. Stacy Graff- Principal

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