

Lämär Middle
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General Rules

Tardies

You are tardy at your teacher's discretion. You will be assigned detention after your second tardy and an office referral for subsequent tardies.

Advisory

Your advisory class will be your first period core class. If you have an elective first period, then you will be assigned an advisory teacher. In your advisory you will:

- Receive and turn in your planners every six weeks
- Turn in your parent signature forms at the beginning of the year
- Return signed progress reports and report cards every six weeks

Planners

You will receive your planner from your advisory teacher at the beginning of every six weeks. You are required to keep your planner in a folder with brads. Keep your folder clean and neat. We also ask that you NOT DECORATE the off days in your planner. Teachers often need that space to leave notes for parents. Parents should check planners on a consistent basis. When a student does not complete an assignment or fails a test, he/she will receive a stamp in their planner that requires a parent signature. If the stamp is not signed, the student will receive a detention. If you lose your planner, you will see your advisory teacher. You will lose one of your hall passes for each week of the six week period that has passed as a consequence. For example, if your planner is replaced during week one of the six weeks, you would lose one pass. If your planner is replaced during week two of the six weeks, you would lose two passes and so forth.

Heading

We ask that all students include the same heading for all core classes:

First and Last Name
Class Period
Date

Textbooks

You will be issued textbooks in most of your core classes at the beginning of the year. You may take these home or leave them in your locker. If you do most of your homework at school (activity class) you may want to leave it at school. You must keep covers on all issued textbooks. You will be fined at the end of the year for any damaged books. In class you will use a book from the class set.

Backpacks/Book bags

Backpacks and book bags are not allowed in the classrooms. A book bag is a bag large enough to carry books in. This includes large purses used as book bags.

Academics

Tutorials

Tutorials are offered every morning from 8:15-8:37 a.m. You may also speak with your teacher to arrange another time if necessary. This time is for tutorials or detentions. If you

are not in tutorials or detention, you must be in the gym. You are asked to stay in that classroom for the entire time. You must have permission to go to another teacher.

Thursday Night School

If you are struggling in several classes, your teachers may request that you attend Thursday Night School to help you raise your grades. You will be given a letter to give to your parents to sign. You must have that letter signed to begin Thursday Night School. You will attend every Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Your teachers will leave work for you. If you miss three sessions you will no longer be allowed to come to Thursday Night School.

Esembler

We encourage all students and parents to set up accounts on Esembler so that you may keep up with grades. Teachers will update grades weekly.

You may access Esembler at the following address:

<http://www.lisd.net/esembler/index.htm>

You will need your student's ID number to set up an account. We also advise you to take advantage of the email alerts offered.

Grades

Eighth grade grading policy will follow the LISD grading policy for middle school which is included in the Lamar student handbook.

Honesty*

Cheating

Defined as any copying of another student's work either during or after school hours regardless of the other student's knowledge or lack thereof

Consequences: Parent contact, team conference, and a grade of zero on the assignment for all students involved

Forgery

Defined as signing of any school-related document including the planner by a student posing as a parent or guardian

Consequences: Office referral and parent contact

Plagiarism

Defined as any representation of another person's work as one's own. This includes both written material and pictures from books, periodicals, and the internet

Consequences: Zero on the assignment and parent contact

Notes/My Space

Please remember that anything that is in writing anywhere is a representation of the author.

As such, my space pages, notes in spiral notebooks or on paper that is passed from student to student is subject to becoming public record and may be used as evidence in any capacity necessary by school personnel.

Discipline

Detention

Detention is assigned by individual teachers at their discretion and served in the afternoon from 4:00 to 4:20, Monday through Friday. Failure to serve an assigned detention will result in a one-hour detention to be served from 4:00 to 5:00 on Thursday of the following week. Failure to serve the one-hour detention will result in an office referral.

Office Referral

Office referrals are automatically assigned for infractions such as:

- Chewing gum
- Dress code violations
- Severe acting out that results in danger to self or others

Office referrals are otherwise assigned as detentions, tardies, and other minor infractions accumulate. The following cumulative infractions will result in an office referral:

- Ten detentions
- Three one-hour detentions
- Three tardies per semester