

## No Zero Zone – A Policy to Promote Success

West Hall Middle School is very excited about a new program that will be implemented school-wide this year. This program will help students reach their full academic potential. We feel that unsatisfactory averages are often linked to students not completing assignments as opposed to being a true reflection of their ability level; therefore, we are implementing a program which ensures students have every opportunity to finish incomplete assignments. It is known as the “No Zero Zone”.

When a student does not hand in an assignment or hands in an incomplete assignment, he/she will call parent(s) during regular school hours to inform them that he/she will need to stay after school either that day or the following day to complete the assignment. The student will stay after school under a teacher’s supervision in order to complete the missing/incomplete work. Once a student is assigned to “No Zero Zone” they must complete the assignment, as well as, stay after school in order to receive a grade. Our focus is to help our students understand the importance of being responsible and accountable for their academic success.

Work will be counted; however, the teacher will deduct ten (10) points from the grade the student receives on the assignment. The students will stay until 5:00 pm at which time students will be dismissed and may be picked up at the front entrance. **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY AT 5:00 pm.**

Those involved in extracurricular activities will be dismissed to activities, practices, or games once the session is complete. If students can not reach parent(s) during the specific school day, a note will be sent home with the student to inform parents of the need for the student to stay after school the following day.

Teachers will be explaining the new program to your child and we will send home additional information to you on the first day of school. We are truly excited about teaming up with you and your child in order to make the 2009-2010 school year a successful one.