

## ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted)

### Purpose:

- Allow ALL students to succeed.
- Provides immediate communication with parents regarding incomplete assignments, therefore involving parents to motivate students.
- Allow class time to be used for teaching / learning, rather than record keeping (writing study hall slips, etc.)
- Encourage responsibility without trauma!! Recognize that everyone forgets sometimes!!
- Grades will reflect ability & responsibility (or lack thereof!).

### A Typical ZAP Situation & Procedures:

1. Student fails to complete / return assignment.
2. Classroom basic discipline is given. (ticket taken, card flipped, etc) Class moves on! (However, grade will be adjusted by 10 pts.)
3. Student / teacher completes ZAP folder before 3:00.
4. Student is required to **take home folder, complete assignment, and obtain parent's signature.**
5. If assignment is completed and returned by 8:10 the following morning, **WITH parent signature**, no further action will be needed. (However, grade will still reflect -10 pts.)
6. If assignment is **not satisfactorily completed** and turned in to assigning teacher, **AND / OR** parent signature is not in folder, folder will be turned in to the office and student will be ZAPPED during recesses. This means that the student will spend that day's upcoming recesses to work on assignments until satisfactorily completed. (-20 pts. if completed / turned in on this day.)
7. ZAPPED recesses will continue the following day if still not completed / signed satisfactorily. In addition, the parent will be contacted and the student will be assigned to serve Homework Recovery (AKA- Afterschool detention!) until 4:00. (Transportation will be the responsibility of parent.)
8. Assignment must be satisfactorily completed by 8:10 the following morning to receive **any** credit for the assignment (-30 pts.) If not completed, a zero will be recorded in the grade book.
9. If ZAP is frequent for a student, apparently they don't appreciate the attempt to get grades on our part, and we may need to re-evaluate on an individualized basis.