PEARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL Eighth Grade Expectations

EXPECTATIONS	SUGGESTIONS
Students should arrive to school no later than 7:25 AM so that they can report to classes promptly at 7:34 AM. This will ensure that students do not miss instructional time in class.	Set alarm earlier if student starts a pattern of being late to school.
Every day, students must report to school with pens, pencils, notebooks and assignment pads. (Assignment pads will be distributed during the first week of school.)	Until your child establishes the habit, check to see that your child has the appropriate materials in his/her backpack the night before school.
There will be homework every night in most classes. Some assignments are short term and some are long term. Assignments must be handed in on time. Any late assignments will result in a reduction of grades. Long-term assignments require consistent effort. Work cannot be saved for until the last minute.	Assignment pads should be checked daily for both types of assignments. Agree upon homework/study time and be sure it is consistently practiced. Reinforce with praise. Look at your child's study environment. If it is not working, change it! Your child may need help developing time management and organizational skills. He/she may need help developing an "attack plan."
Most teachers arrange extra help on designated days. The P.L.U.S. Program, designed to give extra academic support, runs an average of two hours per week in the library.	Hold your child accountable for attending extra help sessions when needed. Find out at open house or through teacher contacts when extra help is available. Check the teacher's individual website for more information. Team conferences are available through the guidance department.
Students must make up the work and get any assignments that were given during their absence from school. This is their responsibility. Students arriving late or missing class(es) for any reason must see their teacher(s) for required work. Lateness to school is considered a "cut" unless it is a legally excused lateness.	Together, set goals for each class. Revisit these goals after receiving interim reports and after each marking period. Develop a plan to attain the goals you have set together