

4th grade team

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Dear Parents,

We are very excited to be working with your child as he/she explores and learns the fourth grade curriculum. The fourth grade team believes in the importance of working together with parents to create a meaningful learning experience for all students. We hope that you will contact us if you have any questions or concerns. In this handout you will find information to get the year off to a great start!

Sincerely,

Fourth Grade Teachers

CLASSROOM RULES:

- Arrive to class and be in your seat **ON TIME**
- Come to class prepared and ready to learn
- Listen and follow instructions the **FIRST** time asked
- Respect all peers, adults, and objects in the school
- **ALWAYS** try your BEST!

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT:

At HSI, Class Dojo and CHAMPS are the standards that guide our Character Development.

In Class Dojo, students will receive Merits (Positive Points) for positive behavior and Demerits (Negative Points) for negative behavior. These points add up to class incentives. A Weekly Report sheet will be handed out each week that shows the points students received the prior week and requires a parent signature.

The overall goal of the CHAMPs classroom management system is to develop an instructional structure in which students are responsible, motivated, and highly engaged in the specific task at hand. Each classroom teacher will use this system for their classroom management procedures.

HELPFUL WEBSITES/LINKS:

HSI: www.hsiaustin.org

Use the student database to check on your child's grades and completed/missing assignments. Also, important school notices are posted on the homepage daily

4TH GRADE TEAM WEBSITE:

www.hsi4.weebly.com

Here you can find helpful tools/resources for each class to support your child's learning at home.

GRADING POLICY:

The students are graded on the following scale. In addition to the A, B, C scale you will also see the students conduct grade, labeled with E, S, or P

100 - 90%	A
89 - 80%	B
79 - 75%	C
74 - 70%	D
Below 70%	F
Formative/ Practice (class work, quizzes, etc.)	70%
Summative (Tests/Projects)	25%
Homework	5%



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GRADING POLICY (cont.):

E = (Excellent) Student has surpassed all requirements and expectations of the classroom, follows all rules, and is continually being a role model student

S = (Satisfactory) Student has met all requirements and expectations of the classroom, follow rules, and is a good student

N = (Poor/Needs Improvement) Student is struggling with requirements and expectations of the classroom, following rules, and needs to improve his/her behavior

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to be on time each day. Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 am. It would be beneficial for your child to be unpacked and ready to learn at 7:50 am. time. A student arriving after 8:00 am must report to the front office and obtain a tardy slip. Tardiness to school will be unexcused, unless the student arrives to campus late for one of the following reasons:

- Personal illness.
- Attendance at a required court appointment.
- Appointment with a doctor, dentist, or other professional.

It is required to provide a written note or email to the front office if your child has been absent including the **date, homeroom teacher's name, student's full name**, as well as the reason for the absence. If your child is absent for more than 2 days, we highly recommend to contact the front office so the teachers can gather absent work for your child to complete.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

Students will have up to 3 days after an assignment is due to turn in for credit. Each day the assignment is late there will be a letter grade deduction (1 day late = 90% A, 2 days late = 80% B, 3 days late = 70% C). After 3 days late, the assignment will be a **zero** in the grade book. Students will have 2 weeks to convert the zero into an earned grade for a maximum of 70% C. **If a student fails to turn in late work after the 2 weeks, the grade is a permanent ZERO. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- Absolutely **NO** assignments more than 3 days late on the last week of the grading period will be accepted and will be a **permanent** zero in the grade book.
- Please refer to the student handbook for make-up of work after successive days of absence.
- Students who are absent from the day an assignment is due must turn in the assignment the day they return to class.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

The best way to contact the fourth grade teachers is by email. We check our emails frequently throughout the day and will respond to you as soon as we can.

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THANK YOU,

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