

PRHS Habits of Work Guide 2016-2017

College and Career Ready

Habits of Work are the skills that support student learning and ensure success both in school and beyond. Regular attendance, preparedness, the ability to collaborate, attention to detail, and daily productivity are essential components for getting a job and building a successful career. PRHS emphasizes these habits in our school, provides the tools to help students improve these skills, and celebrates students who improve.

The PRHS diploma is based on student achievement of the State academic standards in the following content areas: ELA, social studies, math, science, visual and performing arts, technology, and health and physical education. Proficiency in these academic areas is important for being College and Career Ready.

It is also important, however, to develop Habits of Work that ensure success in college and employment settings. Knowledge and academic skills are only part of the formula for success. Developing excellent work habits is equally essential.

PRHS defines Habits of Work

Habits of Work	1 Does Not Meet	2 Partially Meets	3 Meets	4 Exceeds
Timeliness	Student rarely demonstrates this habit	Student occasionally demonstrates this habit	Student frequently meets deadlines and takes responsibility for missed work	Student consistently demonstrates this habit
Readiness	Student rarely demonstrates this habit	Student occasionally demonstrates this habit	Student frequently completes homework, is prepared for class, and uses class time effectively	Student consistently demonstrates this habit
Participation	Student rarely demonstrates this habit	Student occasionally demonstrates this habit	Student frequently attends class and is an active and a collaborative learner	Student consistently demonstrates this habit

HOW... It Counts!

Ensuring that our students build strong Habits of Work is so important that we are now making them count like never before. Our **eligibility policy** for athletics and some co-curricular activities now incorporates HOW grades to encourage students to attend to these important habits. The new policy rewards students for effort, attendance and participation even if they are struggling with content skills and knowledge.

Over the course of the year, we will also be developing other ways to recognize students with solid habits of work and reward them with privileges. We will communicate regularly as we make these changes.

HOW reporting

Regular posting of progress reports will change this year. In the past, we have posted academic grades three times each semester: two progress report grades and a final grade. This year, academic grades will be posted quarterly, and HOW grades will be posted multiple times throughout the year. In addition to your daily access to JumpRope, you and your child will have a clearer understanding of both academic achievement as well as Habits of Work. Here is the schedule:

- ✓ HOW grade posted after approximately 6 weeks
- ✓ HOW and QUARTER grades posted after approximately 9 weeks
- ✓ HOW grade posted after approximately 15 weeks
- ✓ HOW and FINAL grade posted at end of semester

If you have questions about grading and reporting, feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) or an administrator.

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