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Pioneer High School students will be engaged as active and curious learners who embrace the rich diversity of the world around them in pursuit of productive and satisfying lives.
~ Mission Statement, 2007

December 5, 2008

Dear Parents,

Success can be measured by many factors. One of our goals at Ann Arbor Pioneer is to help each student achieve success. Today, I would like to talk to you about academic success. As educators we use many tools to measure academic retention, one of them is homework. Homework is a useful tool to reinforce a concept, help students assume responsibility, and manage their time effectively. It is a tool utilized by the teacher to confirm student progress.

At Pioneer High School, it is expected that all students complete their class work/homework assignments at the request of the classroom teacher. This notice is to inform you that our staff is focusing our attention closely on this matter. When students fail to fulfill their responsibility in completing their class work/homework assignment they are referred to the Principal's office at the discretion of the classroom teacher. When the student is sent to the Principal's office the first time, they are expected to complete the assignment in the administrative area and then return to class. At the second occurrence, the student's parents are called and the student will then complete the assignment. If the student chronically fails to complete his/her work the parent will be required to meet with an administrator to facilitate the process.

There are three reasons a student would be sent to the office as it relates to this matter. One, the student failed to turn in an assignment. Two, the student failed to complete more than 50% percent of their assignment. Three, the student completed his/her assignment in such a way as to indicate that the student's effort was substandard.

The Ann Arbor School District Rights and Responsibilities handbook states that teachers have a right to expect students to follow a reasonable request. It is a reasonable request for all students to complete their class work/homework assignments.

Sincerely,

Michael White
Principal