

**Edna Karr High School**  
**3332 Huntlee Drive**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana 70131**  
**504-398-7115**

**Dear Parent:**

I am looking forward to a productive and successful 2007 - 2008 academic school year. I am also looking forward to working with your child in order to provide him/her with a quality education. I will however, need your help to ensure that your child is working to his/her full potential. I will be working very hard to ensure that each student learns as much in my class as possible. I take my job as an educator seriously and I hope that together we can make this a productive and exciting year. I also hope that you remain in constant communications with your child regarding his or her assignments. Please encourage your child to develop his/her study skills and time management skills.

If you, at any time, have concerns, please feel free to contact me at Karr High School (504-398-7115) during my planning period from 2:00pm until 2:55pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Edna Karr Secondary School is schedule to have Open House on September 5, 2007 at 7pm. I am looking forward to meeting you in person at that time. I believe that it is my duty to provide my students with the opportunity to extend their thinking, develop their social studies skills, and to prepare them for the LEAP or ILEAP exam. Thank you for your cooperation and support. Listed below are the classroom rules and consequences, as well as their grading system adopted by Edna Karr Secondary School (Algiers Charter School System).

<b>Classroom Rules:</b>
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- Students will follow teacher's instructions
- Students must bring all necessary materials to class everyday. (This includes paper, pen and binder.)
- Students should be in class, orderly, and ready to learn when the bell rings.
- Students should be in proper uniform attire at all times.
- No electronic devices (Cell Phones, I-Pods) are permitted to be used while in class.
- Eating, drinking and chewing gum are not allowed.
- Students should be respectful.

<b>Consequences:</b>
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- Warning (Conference with student)
- Detention
- Phone call home to parent
- Parent Conference
- Administrative referral

It is my philosophy that one cannot learn in an atmosphere of confusion. I expect appropriate classroom behavior and strict adherence to school rules. I view my students as mature, young adults who want to be treated with respect and thus I expect the same from them. Appropriate classroom behavior is expected at all times.

Class begins at 8:45 AM daily. Students arriving to class after 8:50 AM will need a note as an official excuse. Otherwise they will be assigned a school-wide detention. Students that are absent from school will also need a note as an official excuse. Students with excessive absences will need a doctor's note as an official excuse.

<b>Grading System and Course Expectations:</b>
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**GRADING AND EXAMS**

The current Pupil Progression Plan permits two methods for calculating student grades:

1. Individual grades and averages are expressed as letter grades.  
Letter grades are averaged according to the following quality point scale:  
A = 4 quality points  
B = 3 quality points  
C = 2 quality points  
D = 1 quality point  
F = 0 quality points

2. Individual grades and averages are expressed as numerical grades. Numerical averages are converted to letter grades for the Report Card according to the following scale:

100-90 =	A (4 quality points)
89-80=	B (3 quality points)
75-79 =	C (2 quality points)
70-74 =	D (1 quality point)
0-69 =	F (0 quality points)

Grades- Student grades will be based on a semester of work. Students will earn  $\frac{1}{2}$  units of credit at the end of each semester this year. Quarters one and three will be progress reports only.

Exams will count for 25% of the semester grade and are given at the end of each semester. Also, exams will be for 90 minutes and will be cumulative in nature. Students will take two exams per day and will report home to study for the next day's exams. Exams dates are tentatively set for December 12th-17th and May 5th-8th.

Homework will include: projects, graphs, essays, review sheets and reading assignments. The grade assigned for the course will be the average of:

Homework

Class Assignments

Weekly Tests

Quarterly Exam

Projects/Reports

I expect active participation in class discussions; therefore, all students should be prepared for class daily. There will be several reading assignments so there may not always be written homework assignments. These reading assignments are just as important, as the student will be tested on them. Students will be responsible for various writing assignments, mapping skills and current event articles.

Consideration will be given to students with special needs as indicated by their I.E.P or their 504 plan. All student test/exams will be kept in a folder at the school for parents to review. Our school is on a semester grading system.

### **Required Materials:**

- A blue or black pen
- A binder with plenty of loose-leaf paper
- Optional\* A Flash Drive is optional.

Schoolwork, homework and studying should come before all extra curricular activities. A Student's sophomore year is vital in setting good study habits and behavior that will ensure their success on the GEE/LEAP exams. A student's junior and senior year is vital in setting good study habits and behavior that will ensure their success in college and/or the business world.

Please encourage your child to read and study daily as well as start on all projects and assignments. Thank you for your support and cooperation. I am looking forward to meeting at Open House on September 5, 2007.

Sincerely,

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