

# ZAP Program

## Z.A.P. (Zero's Aren't Permitted)

It may seem obvious, but research has shown students who consistently complete their homework receive higher grades and score well on tests. I would also contend that these students experience a higher rate of self-confidence, and have a more enjoyable time at school. There are many reasons why a student does not complete or turn in their assignments. One excuse we would like to eliminate is the credence by students of "I'll just take a zero."

**This school year Stout Middle School will be implementing a program called Z.A.P. (Zeros Are not Permitted).**

The philosophy behind this program is: If we feel the assignment was important enough to assign, then we must hold students accountable for their learning by completing the assignment.

- This program is designed to:
  - Increase expectations of students who fail to complete and turn in assignments on time.
  - Emphasize the belief that assignments/projects are important and must be completed.
  - Direct students to utilize their abilities to acquire self-discipline/work habits that will serve them in the educational setting and in the future when they enter college and/or the workplace.

*The ZAP program is not a form of punishment* rather a program to send the message that failure is not acceptable.

How does the program work?

- ZAP will meet five days per week during the students' lunch hour.
- Students will be assigned by their classroom teacher for not completing work by the required due date.
- The teacher assigning the ZAP will meet briefly with student when assigning the ZAP to provide the student with necessary information to complete his/her missing assignment.
- The student will then be directed to the ZAP room to complete the homework.
- If Student is receiving school lunch it will be provided in the room
- Grading/Consequences:
  - Completed assignments will be collected and placed in the teachers' mailbox for their review
- Participation in extracurricular activities may be suspended until ZAP work is completed.

By eliminating these zeros, we are confident that we will increase the learning opportunities, hold the students accountable, and improve overall grades.

If there are any questions please contact Mr. Lambdin, Mr. Liggett, or Stout Administration.

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