AGENDA
2012-2013

FOURTH AVENUE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

450 South Fourth Avenue
Yuma, Arizona 85364
(928) 502-7000
Office hours 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Visit www.yumaed.org for
YETC Parent Resources (About Us/Our School)

Mr. Jose Cazares, Principal
Mrs. Sharon Jones, Assistant Principal
School Resource Officer Erick Resendiz
Provided by Yuma Police Department

In the event there is a disparity between the Parent/Student Handbook and Board Policy, Board Policy will take precedence.

This planner belongs to_____

Mission Statement:

Fourth Avenue Junior High is dedicated to rigorous instruction that provides each student with the academic, physical, and social skills necessary to be successful, productive, and confident in a global community.

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Student Schedule

1st Quarter:

Per	Rm#	Teacher
1st:	____	_____
2nd	____	_____
3rd	____	_____
4th	____	_____
5th	____	_____
6th	____	_____

2nd Quarter:

Per	Rm#	Teacher
1st	____	_____
2nd	____	_____
3rd	____	_____
4th	____	_____
5th	____	_____
6th	____	_____

3rd Quarter:

Per	Rm#	Teacher
1st:	____	_____
2nd	____	_____
3rd	____	_____
4th	____	_____
5th	____	_____
6th	____	_____

4th Quarter:

Per	Rm#	Teacher
1st	____	_____
2nd	____	_____
3rd	____	_____
4th	____	_____
5th	____	_____
6th	____	_____

Lunch Period: (circle) 1st or 2nd

<u>Homework</u> is a method of having students practice and reinforces the skills and concepts introduced in the classroom. Students will be asked to fill in homework assignments in this planner. **We encourage parents to check student planner daily to assure that students complete all needed assignments**. If a student is absent two or more days and wishes to pick up homework, please call the office prior to 9:00 a.m. The homework will be ready for pick up that same afternoon. If the student is absent only one day, student should ask teachers for the work missed when he/she turns to school the following day.

<u>AGENDA Notice:</u>
Every student is issued an agenda at the beginning of the school year. We require that **ALL** students keep their agenda with them at all times to record homework assignments or any information given by the teacher. Agendas should be completed daily and will be checked by the first period teacher weekly. **Students, who lose their agenda, will be required to purchase an agenda for $5.00 at the office.**

Bell Schedule
2012-2013
REGULAR SCHEDULE
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

1ST LUNCH SCHEDULE

Entry Bell	8:12
1st Period	8:15- 9:19
2nd Period	9:22-10:25
3rd Period	10:28-11:31
Lunch	11:31-12:01
4th Period	12:04- 1:07
5th Period	1:10- 2:13
6th Period	2:16- 3:19

Dismissal 3:19

2ND LUNCH SCHEDULE

Entry Bell	8:12
1st Period	8:15- 9:19
2nd Period	9:22-10:25
3rd Period	10:28-11:31
4th Period	11:34-12:37
Lunch	12:37- 1:07
5th Period	1:10- 2:13
6th Period	2:16 - 3:19

Dismissal 3:19

Early Release
Mondays

1ST LUNCH SCHEDULE

Entry Bell	8:12
1st Period	8:15- 9:04
2nd Period	9:07- 9:55
3rd Period	9:58- 10:46
4th Period	10:49- 11:37
Lunch	11:37- 12:07
6th Period	1:01- 1:49

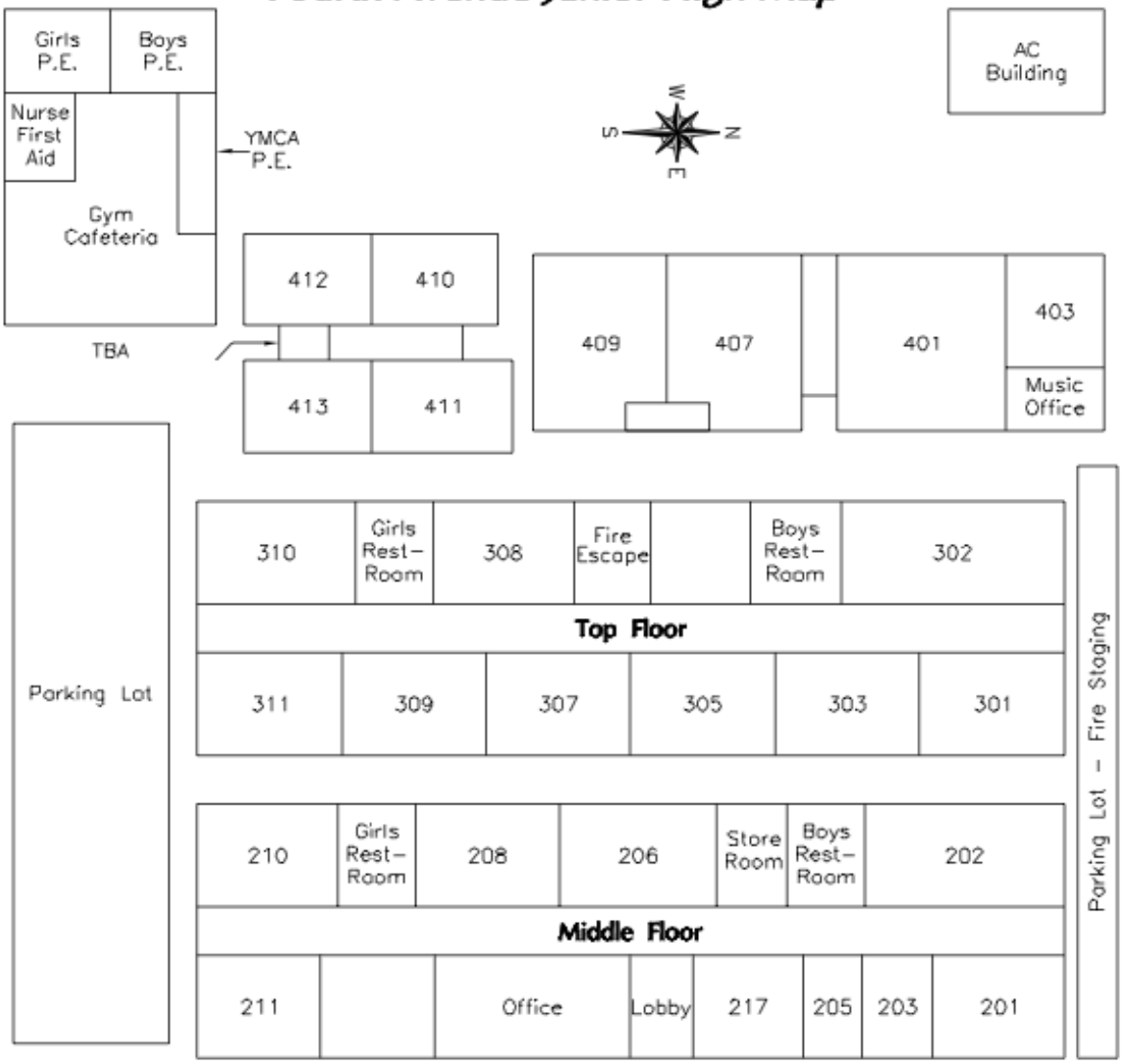
Dismissal 1:49

2ND LUNCH SCHEDULE

Entry Bell	8:12
1st Period	8:15- 9:04
2nd Period	9:07- 9:55
3rd Period	9:58- 10:46
4th Period	10:49- 11:37
5th Period	12:28- 12:58
Lunch	1:01- 1:49

Dismissal 1:49

Fourth Avenue Junior High Map



Yuma School District One

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2012-2013 STUDENT CALENDAR

(Approved by the Governing Board 3/14/11) (928) 502-4300

Alice Byrne	Otondo	Price
Carver	Palmcroft	Rolle
Desert Mesa	Pecan Grove	Roosevelt
McGraw	O.C. Johnson	Sunrise
Castle Dome Middle School	Gila Vista Junior High	Woodard Junior High
Fourth Avenue Junior High	Ron Watson Middle School	

July 18-	Middle School Offices Open
July 25-	Elementary School Offices Open
August 8, 2012-	**First Day of School**
September 3-	Labor Day Holiday
October 8-	Columbus Day Holiday
November12-	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 21-	Non-School Day
November 22-23-	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 17, 2012-Jan. 4, 2013-	Winter Break
January 21-	Martin Luther King Day Holiday
February 15-	Professional Development Day
February 18-	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 29-April 5-	Spring Break***Coincides with Fair Week & HS District
May 27-	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29, 2013-	**Last Day of School**
June 4-	Elementary School Offices Close
June 11-	Middle School Offices Close

****AIMS Testing Dates (Grades 3rd – 8th) April 15th – 26th**

Student’s Galileo Benchmark Results

Listed below are the Galileo Benchmark grades by quarter with the developmental levels and FAME scores. (F=Falls Far Below the standard, A=Approaching the standard, M=Meets the standard, E=Exceeds the standard.)

1st Quarter:	Developmental Level	FAME Score
Reading		
Writing		
Math		
Science		

Parent Signature:_____

2nd Quarter:	Developmental Level	FAME Score
Reading		
Writing		
Math		
Science		

Parent Signature: _____

3rd Quarter:	Developmental Level	FAME Score
Reading		
Writing		
Math		
Science		

Parent Signature: _____

4th Quarter:	Developmental Level	FAME Score
Reading		
Writing		
Math		
Science		

Parent Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Student's ID#:** _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Internet Permission: _____ **Picture Permission:** _____

Fourth Avenue Junior High School Parent Policy

Fourth Avenue Junior High School is committed to working together with parents to provide the best educational experience for students. Academic success is directly related to parent

involvement and communication with the school. Therefore, we expect our parents to be responsible and send their child to school prepared and ready to learn. As a school, Fourth Avenue is committed to providing the following opportunities.

- A Parent Orientation night in which you will be able to meet your child's teacher.
- An opportunity to participate in school decision-making processes through site improvement plan meetings, program evaluations and annual review of this policy and parent compact.
- Opportunity to participate in parent counseling, parent workshops and community services.
- An opportunity to meet with your child's teachers at least twice a year to discuss your child's progress and academic needs.
- Communication will be provided that will meet the needs of all family members regarding school curriculum, meetings and student achievement through the use of e-mails, conferences, handouts, mailings, and Connect-Ed calls.
- A survey will be provided to the parents to gather data about the current curricular program, school concerns, academic progress, future meeting topics and suggestions for improvement.
- A parent liaison will be provided to promote positive school to home communication, schedule additional parent/teacher conferences, and promote additional programs that may be beneficial to the families of Fourth Avenue.

To All Students:

Welcome to another exciting school year at **Fourth Avenue Junior High School**! We are committed to helping you prepare for the challenges that are ahead. The State of Arizona continues to set very high academic standards in every subject area, and we at FAJH, continue to work diligently to help all of our students meet and exceed those expectations.

Middle school is both a challenging and exciting time. This agenda is a vital tool, which can help you through your middle school years. If you use this agenda to record information to share with parents and teachers, in addition to using the study tools included in it, you will have a positive and productive school year. We look forward to a great school year!

And remember, "**WITH THE WINGS OF FALCON PRIDE, WE FLY"**

Grading System:	AZ State Standards:	
90-100%	A (4.0) 4	**E**xcellent
80-99%	B (3.0) 3	**M**eets
70-79%	C (2.0) 2	**A**pproaches
60-69%	D (1.0) 1	**F**alls Far Below
Under 60%	F (0.0)	

A middle school student must earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 1.0 or better. A student must maintain a passing GPA in three (3) of the four (4) core subjects of language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science to be promoted to the next grade.

Closed Campus:

Students are required to remain on campus from the time they arrive in the morning until they have been dismissed. Students are not to leave campus during school hours without parental and

school consent. Students who are requested to leave campus early must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian or an authorized adult.

Visitors:
It is the obligation of the Principal's office to maintain a safe campus and to protect the health and welfare of students and staff. **All visitors on campus are required to check in at the front office for authorization to visit campus.** Students are not permitted to bring guests to school. **Parents MUST show a valid and current ID when picking up students from school. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Prohibited Articles:
All food and drink items including gum, sunflower seeds, candy, sodas, etc, are prohibited except when approved by the principal's office for an approved school function.

Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, over the counter medication, inhalants, and prescription drugs. weapons, skateboards, Inline skates, blades, water pistols, markers, chains, laser pens, electronic devices, aerosol containers, and other items considered dangerous or unsafe are not permitted on campus.

To avoid theft, loss, or damage, students are **NOT** allowed to bring valuable items to school unless such items are part of a class project or assignment. **Electronic devices** such as but not limited to MP3 players, CD players, IPods, iPads, tablets, cell phones or any handheld electronic devices **ARE PROHIBITED**. Confiscated items can be retrieved from the school office on Fridays from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Items can only be released to a parent of record.

School administration is not responsible to investigate the loss or theft of any electronic device.

Drug Free School Zone:
Fourth Avenue Junior High School has been officially designated as a **DRUG FREE ZONE**. Anyone, including students, found to be in possession of any illegal drug for use or distribution, is in violation of ARS 13-34-11.A-1 and is subject of enhanced legal penalties including a fine of not less than $2000.00.

Safety Drills:
Drills are unannounced but are held regularly during the school year to provide awareness of the warning system. The procedures are outlined and addressed with staff and students at the beginning of the year.

Attendance:
Parents are to notify the school office when a student is absent by 9:00 a.m. on the day that child will not be in school. Any student returning to school without parental notification of an absence, such absence will be considered un-excused and will be subject to disciplinary action. Also, please notify the office and teachers when you have prior knowledge of a student being absent. **It will be the responsibility of the student to arrange for make-up work.**

Example of excused absences:

Personal illness Doctor's appointments Emergencies Funeral services

Examples of unexcused absences:

Babysitting	Missing the bus	Oversleeping
Car trouble	Out of town trips	

A student who CONSISTENTLY has unexcused absences will be subject to disciplinary actions. If an absence is reported as an illness repeatedly, a doctor's note will be required to keep this from being considered for disciplinary action…such as truancy.

School Attendance Policy: *Signed attendance policies will be kept on file*
By law, students are required to attend school every day, unless they are absent for an approved reason. Students who show a pattern of poor school attendance, or who have many unclear absences or truancies, will be referred to the **Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center** for intervention and/or for disciplinary action.
Excessive absences: A student must attend class regularly to receive a passing grade. A student who is absent from a class more than ten percent (10%) of the number of required attendance days, and whose absences have materially affected their academic progress, may fail that grade, receive a lower grade, or be retained.

School-Wide Discipline:
A copy of the District Discipline Policies and Procedures is provided for each student for review by students and parents. Students who violate school and/or classroom rules will receive disciplinary action, which is appropriate for the particular offense. All efforts will be made to communicate with the parents to help prevent further misconduct by the students. It is the responsibility of the student to respect the right of others. Fourth Avenue Junior High has developed policies and procedures that govern student behavior.

Disciplinary actions may include the following:

1. Verbal warning by teacher or administrator
2. Classroom consequences assigned by teacher
3. After school detention assigned by teacher or administrator
4. In-School Suspension, removal from the regular classroom assigned by administrator
5. Out-of-School Suspension assigned by administrator

Other consequences may be assigned at the discretion of the administration. Students may be prohibited from attending or participating in extracurricular activities as a result of misconduct.

Gangs/Secret Societies:
It is the District's position that gangs/secret societies that initiate, advocate, or promote activities that threaten the safety or well being of persons or property on school grounds or that disrupt the school environment are harmful to the educational process. Further, it is the District's position that the use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of dress or grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any other attribute indicates or implies membership of affiliation with such a group is prohibited because of the disruption to educational activities. Any activity involving an initiation, hazing, intimidation, assault, or other activity related to group affiliation that is likely to cause or does cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to others is prohibited and disciplinary action will be imposed accordingly.

FAJH School Uniform Policy

The District encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. In 2006, the Yuma School District #1 School Board approved a school uniform policy for Fourth Avenue Junior High School. The

school uniform policy takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of our students.
Our FAJH school uniform policy is as follows:

1. **Shirts** – must be a **solid,** red polo style with a collar with 2-3 buttons max. Top button must be unbuttoned at all times. Shirts may be short or long sleeved. Sleeveless are not allowed. Pictures, words or logos are also not allowed on shirts unless it is a FAJH logo. Shirts may be tucked or untucked with the length limit at the wrist. Undershirts (if also worn) must be solid red, black, white or gray and cannot be longer than the shirt. Shirts may not be altered (clipped or tied back).

2. **Pants, shorts or skorts** – must be **solid** black. Length of skirts, shorts, and skorts must be below mid-thigh. If it is shorter, it will be considered a dress code violation. Pants, shorts or skorts must be worn at the WAIST at all times. Pants, shorts or skorts must be no larger than ONE SIZE more than the student's normal size. If a student's pants are excessively baggy and falling below the waist, this will also be in violation. Hems should not be frayed or drag on the floor. Shorts must be of the appropriate length-not shorter than the fingertips when arms descended down along the side of the body. Decorative stitching and/or designs on bottoms are not allowed. Pants cannot be ripped or torn. Again, all bottoms must be a solid black color. **No gym shorts or sweat pants allowed.**

3. **All Belts** – must be a **solid** red, black, or white only. Belt buckles must be appropriate. Old English lettering, gang affiliation, drugs/alcohol related, cutout letters or initials will not be allowed. Belts should not be hanging from the belt loops.

4. **Sweatshirts, outerwear, and jackets** – must be **solid** red, black, white or gray. No decorative stitching, designs, symbols or writing are permitted.

5. **Gang related personalization** – is not permitted on items of clothing, backpacks, belt buckles or on one's person.

6. **Caps and hats** – are not allowed at school. Hoods on sweatshirts should not be worn inside any buildings, classrooms or cafeteria/gymnasium.

7. **Jewelry** – that represents a safety hazard to self and others is prohibited. Watch and wallet chains are not allowed.

8. **Shoes** – students must wear shoes at all times. No slippers or flip-flops allowed! No backless shoes.

9. **Socks**-must be worn properly, under the pants.

Any apparel that the administration determines to be unacceptable in light of school and/or community standards is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to clothing, which offends or disrupts the educational process.

In addition to the above guidelines, students who are involved in extra-curricular activities such as athletics, band, choir, etc. are subject to the standards of dress as defined by the sponsors of such activities.

We reserve the right to allow no uniforms on special occasions. Students and parents will be notified on these dates.

DRESS CODE POLICY

(The following will not be allowed)

- Hats, baseball caps, gloves, hair net, beanies, doo-rags, and bandannas will not be allowed on school campus.
- Excessively baggy, loose fitting clothing is not allowed.
- Spaghetti straps, tank tops, or excessively low cut shirts are not allowed.
- Gang-related personalization is not permitted, on items of clothing, belt buckles or on one's person. Bandannas and any belts hanging from the pant loops are prohibited as well

as any simulation of anything representing "colors." Any clothing, which would identify a student as a gang member, **will not be tolerated.**

- Sunglasses cannot be worn inside the buildings
- Profane, obscene, or defamatory language or symbols, ethnic slurs, or symbols of drugs, sex, gang or alcohol on clothing or jewelry will not be allowed. Also, wallets with chains are prohibited on school campus.
- If body piercing becomes a distraction, a parent conference will be required.
- Bare feet, flip-flops or slippers are never acceptable.
- Students who volunteer for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, band, choir, etc. are subject to the standards of dress as defined by the sponsors of such activities.

Consequences:

When a student is in violation of the dress code and uniform policies, the teacher will send the student to the office with a General Pass filled out with the dress code or uniform policy violation information.

-Student will be required to change clothes and/or place a call home to parents.

Field Trips:

Field trips are a privilege, and are related to your class work. However, if your behavior, grades and/or attendance are a concern, you may not be allowed to attend a field trip.

Extra-Curricular Participation When Absent From School:

Extra-Curricular activities include athletic practice, contests and events, meetings, rehearsals, practices of any kind, dances, try-outs, performance, attendance at activities, etc.

All Day Absences: A student absent from school all day due to illness, injury, and/or an unexcused absence will not be permitted to participate as a member of any extra-curricular activity.

Half-Day Absences: If the absence is a partial day, the student must be in attendance for the last half of his/her daily schedule.

Hall Pass: Students are expected to be orderly in the halls at all times. Students are requested to walk on the right side of the hall to prevent confusion. Running and shuffling are not allowed. Students are to keep moving to class, and not to block the halls. Students are to use their own agenda as a pass in the hallway. Students who are walking down the halls without an agenda or designated hall pass after classes are in session will be reprimanded.

Counseling Services:

The counselor is a source of a wide variety of information, a helper, a friend, an advocate and someone in whom students can confide. It is best to sign up in the office to see the counselor, but in emergencies, students may ask their teacher for a pass to the counselor's appointment will not interfere with work in class.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO)

We recognize that parents are an integral part of their child's education. We encourage parental involvement in our PTSO. There are numerous activities available to parents who wish to volunteer ranging from participating.

School Dances:
All rules governing the campus apply to the student dances. Additional rules and procedures will be issued and distributed to students and parents prior to the dance. Dances are from 6:00-8:00 p. m. Attendance at school dances is conditional upon student behavior and attendance. Misconduct or absences may result in a student not being allowed to attend a dance.

Cafeteria:
A breakfast and lunch program is provided to all students. Menus are displayed in the cafeteria and around the school. Students are required to conduct themselves in a safe and orderly manner, maintain cleanliness, and show proper courtesies to their fellow students and school employees.

Library:
Students are expected to respect the rights of others by behaving according to school/library rules, promptly returning books borrowed, and paying for damaged or lost books.

Health Office:
The school health office is open during school hours to provide health information, dispense physician/parent-approved medications and provide first aid to students. The health aide should always be consulted in cases of injury during the school day. The health aide is the only person authorized to permit a student to go home during the school day due to illness.
Prescription medications may be administered by the health aide only under the following conditions:

(1) The medication has been prescribed by a physician for that student.
(2) The medication must be in its original container and kept in the nurse's office during the school day.
(3) No medication from Mexico shall be dispensed at school unless it is accompanied by the original prescription from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or dentist licensed in Arizona or California. Medications prescribed by a physician, etc. licensed outside of the United States cannot be brought to school.

In order for the health aide to administer over-the-counter, non-prescription medications, the medication must be in the original container and a parent permission note must be on file in the nurse's office. Students are not allowed to carry non-prescription medications on campus.

Transportation:
Public school transportation services are a privilege, not an entitlement. Continued transportation service is contingent upon student compliance with school bus rules. These rules are in place to promote the safety of all students granted the privilege of riding a Yuma Schools Transportation Department Bus. Failure on the part of the students to comply with the school bus rules could result in permanent loss of riding privileges for the school year and disciplinary action from the school up through expulsion. If you have any questions/comments, please call the Yuma Schools Transportation Department at 341-9076.

Fourth Avenue Junior High School

STUDENT-SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Student Agreement:
It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

*Attend school regularly
*Come to school each day with student agenda, pens, pencils, paper, and other necessary tools for learning.
*Complete and return all homework assignments
*Observe regular study hours
*Conform to rules of student conduct

SCHOOL AGREEMENT:
As a school, in order to give students every opportunity to be successful, we agree to the following:

*Make every effort to provide you with a safe environment for learning
*Offer to you, a challenging instruction in a respectful environment
*Communicate and work with families to support the learning
*Notify your parents whenever there is an unusual situation involving you
*Respect the cultural differences of students and their families

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:
(Any person who is interested in helping this student may sign in lieu of the parent)
I want my child to achieve. Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

*See that my child is punctual and attends school daily
*Support the school in its effort to maintain proper discipline
*Establish a time for homework and review it regularly
*Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions
*Stay aware of what my child is learning
*Participate in school activities

We have read and discussed the material in this handbook with our son/daughter.

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date

_____ _____
Student Signature Date