

Alta Vista Early College High School

Home of the Mighty Owls

“Soaring to New Heights”



Zeros Aren't Permitted-English (ZAP)

The Alta Vista Early College High School Zero's Aren't Permitted (ZAP) is a program which requires students to stay during lunch to complete their assignment(s) or recover instructional time.

Students are required to attend if they:

- Have incomplete assignments
- Are failing a class
- Are missing 20 minutes or more of instructional time

Main Objectives:

- Improve academic performance by students
- Increase sense of responsibility for academic success
- Develop better study habits and higher quality work
- Increase communication between school and home

How this will be done:

- Provide students a “second chance” to turn in their work
- Provide a supervised time for students to work every day during lunch time
- Not allowing the students to “do nothing”
- Place a higher expectation on student success

How the program works:

Step One: Student fails to turn in a classwork assignment(s), to receive a passing grade on a reading class, or has missed 20 or more minutes of instruction. Teacher notifies the student that they will be ZAPPED.

Step Two: The teacher will e-mail the ZAP list to administration and school librarian by 10:00 am. The Teacher will also need to give the assignment to the student or the school librarian before lunch.

UNZAPPED – In order for a student to be UNZAPPED the student will need to complete their assignment(s) before the teacher sends the ZAP list to the school librarian and administration. Once the list has been sent the student needs to attend ZAP.



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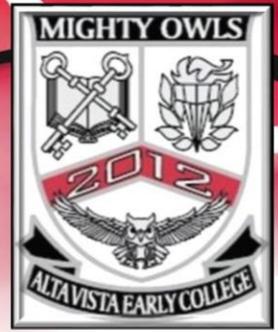
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Step Three: All ZAPPED students will be notified by their 3rd period teacher. At that time the student will be officially notified that they will need to report to the ZAP room (Library).

Step Four: All ZAPPED students will report outside the library to eat lunch under the school canopies for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes the students will enter the computer lab in portable 9 to continue working on their missing assignment(s), homework, or test(s).

Step Five: The assignment(s), homework or test(s) will be returned to the teacher for a grade and quality review. The assignment will be collected by the ZAP monitor and given to the school librarian who will place them in the teacher's workroom box.

NOTE: If the student finishes their work early, they will need to do homework or read. Students assigned to ZAP will be released at the end of lunch only.

Rationale:

We believe all students can achieve if pushed and encouraged to do so. We realize that for many students a zero is not an immediate consequence since most students who repeatedly receive zeros are those students who are struggling in school. This is just one more strategy to help a student experience more success in school. Preparing a student for post-secondary education and for life requires us to ensure each child knows the curriculum, and if a student is not completing assignments a teacher cannot possibly provide an accurate measure of that student's knowledge.



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