

Americus - Sumter Ninth Grade Academy

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is hard to believe we are half-way through the school year. As Americus-Sumter Ninth Grade Academy (ASNGA) looks to make improvements in the areas of academic achievement and student behavior, we will begin by introducing a new program. This program is called the Alternative Behavior Educator program, ABE for short.

ABE utilizes interactive software which emphasizes the importance of responsible behavior. Furthermore, this program empowers teachers and administrators with the ability to combat dropout rates, disproportionality, number of referrals, and ISS/OSS assignments. As for students, ABE is designed with student behavior and social success in mind.

Beginning this week, ASNGA will implement ABE with every student in the building. Students will be placed on a point system. They will gain or lose points throughout the building during the week and the following weeks to come as they meet certain point thresholds. These thresholds are called triggers and based on these triggers students will receive rewards or consequences. Please find the triggers on the attached document.

In addition to the rewards or consequences on the document, our students will have other rewards and consequences. For example, students will receive monthly rewards for positive behavior or after school detention with interventions for non-positive behaviors which will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40 pm to 5:00 pm. Should your child have detention, it will be your responsibility to pick up your child at 5:00 pm.

Overall, these changes are to assist in our school improvement efforts and to ensure that all students' instructional time is increasing in the classroom. If there are any questions about the ABE program or how it will be implemented, then please contact me at (229) 924-5914 or jprice@sumterschools.org. We look forward to working with you and our Panthers through the implementation of the program and moving forward to increase student achievement so all students can graduate.

Educationally yours,

James C. Price
Principal