



Student Handbook

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INTRODUCTION

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Dear Pilgrim Community:

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

- Benjamin Franklin

Welcome to New Plymouth Middle School. The beginning of a new school year can bring questions and concerns. The information contained in this handbook will help you understand NPMS student rights and responsibilities; it will support you in organizing your class work and activities and provide guidance on attendance procedures, grading policies, school calendar, athletics, and disciplinary consequences. Use this handbook to help guide yourself to great success in the classroom and in the extra-curricular activities we provide. I look forward to a great year working with all of you at New Plymouth Middle School in helping our students invest in their education. It is great to be a Pilgrim!

Sincerely,

Sean King, Principal

New Plymouth Middle School

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WELCOME

SCHOOL HOURS

Students should not arrive early or remain late, unless involved in scheduled supervised activities.

Any student arriving at school before 8:00 will be assigned to the gym. They are to bring something to study. No student will arrive before 7:30.

7:30 a.m.	School building opens
4:00 p.m.	School closes
7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Office hours

BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Start	End
1	8:07	9:04
2	9:08	9:59
3	10:03	10:54
4	10:58	11:49
Lunch	11:49	12:15
5	12:19	1:10
6	1:14	2:05
7	2:09	3:00

CODE OF CONDUCT

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

1. RESPECT TEACHERS AND STAFF
2. RESPECT YOUR SCHOOL
3. RESPECT YOUR PEERS
4. RESPECT THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT – DISTRICT POLICY #540

Students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as not to interfere with the orderly operation of the educational program. The building principals are directed to establish reasonable, and age-appropriate, rules necessary to maintain orderly conduct in the school. Any rules established by the principal must be published in the student handbook, (each of which is subject to school board approval), or otherwise distributed so as to provide adequate notice to all students.

The principal may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student who engages in one or more of the following specific activities while in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles or during a school sponsored activity. Suspension or expulsion shall be mandatory for serious violations in school building or on school property.

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property or stealing or attempting to steal school property of value.
2. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Commission of any act which if committed by an adult would be robbery or assault as defined by state law.
4. Violation of criminal law which has an immediate effect on the school or on the general safety or welfare of students or staff.
5. Violation of district policy or building regulations.
6. Violation of the district's policy on dangerous weapons in the schools or on school grounds.
7. Violation of the district's alcohol use/drug use policy. Expulsion shall be mandatory for sale of drugs or controlled substances, in accordance with state law.
8. Violation of the district's smoking and use of tobacco policy.
9. Violation of the district's policy on sexual harassment.
10. Throwing objects unless part of a supervised school activity that can cause bodily injury or damage property.
11. Directing profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or visitors to the school.

12. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e. name calling, ethnic or racial slurs, or derogatory statements addressed publicly to others that precipitate disruption of the school program or incite violence.
13. Committing extortion, coercion or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or other objects of value from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force.
14. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing, to a school employee or other personnel authorized to work in the school.
15. Scholastic dishonesty, which includes but is not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
16. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority.
17. Behavior which is detrimental to the welfare, safety, or morals of other students or school personnel.
18. Repeated interference with the school's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.

VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Making violent remarks or even joking remarks about violence will not be taken lightly or tolerated. Making a threat is an act of violence that can get you in trouble. Saying you are going to kill someone at school could get you suspended from school and arrested.

HARASSMENT/BULLYING

Harassment and/or bullying in any form is not tolerated. The following are some examples of inappropriate behavior:

- Obscene or suggestive remarks, jokes or insults;
- Name calling and other abusive language;
- Disrespect;
- Implied or intended threats;
- Physical or verbal hazing;
- Inappropriate touching
- Comments that are demeaning to any group or person.

This kind of behavior will not be tolerated on school grounds.

All concerns of harassment should be reported promptly to a teacher and to the main office. A harassment concern form is available at the main office. A copy of the harassment concern form may also be found at the end of this handbook. A full investigation will be conducted immediately and confidentially, and an appropriate action will be taken.

FIGHTING

In the event ANY student (regardless of fault) is involved in physical fighting or extreme verbal abuse, that student will be immediately suspended for at least one school day on a first offense. A second offense will result in a three day suspension and a 3rd offense will result in a 5 day suspension and possible school district action.

VULGAR/ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR ACTS

Vulgar/Abusive acts or language will not be tolerated in our school. Students displaying these tendencies will be suspended. Example: pulling down your pants (mooning someone) or someone else's.

NPMS DRESS CODE

Appropriate clothing for class or any school activity must be reasonable, safe, clean and decent. The fact that the school will permit a wide variety of school clothing does not mean that all styles are deemed appropriate.

The following clothing items/styles are not acceptable:

- Bare midriffs;
- Sagging pants that reveal any undergarments;
- Tank tops, shirts or dresses with spaghetti straps, no straps or are see-through; low cut/scoop neck collars; low cuts under the sleeves.
- Shorts, skirts, or dresses that are shorter than the bottom of a student's fingertips;
- Biking-style shorts, leggings, yoga, tights or compression pants are not considered to be pants. They will only be allowed to be worn under a dress, skirt or shorts that conform to the fingertip length requirements according to our dress code. Jeggings and similar clothing with visible external pockets will be considered pants.
- Clothes with inappropriate symbols or headgear of any type are not permitted;
- Clothes that depict or advocate illegal substances for youth, such as tobacco, alcohol, drugs or weapons;
- Clothing that has a sexual theme or connotation;
- Any manner of grooming or apparel that denotes membership in or affiliation with any unauthorized group, gang, hate group, or racial prejudice;
- Pants, shorts or jeans that have holes above the knee that have skin visible. This includes frayed pseudo tears.
- Hats, bandanas, and sunglasses;
- Dog collars, hanging belts or chains anywhere; and
- Under garments showing or clothing resembling pajamas, bedroom slippers.

Failure to comply with school dress code will result in a phone call to parents with a request to bring acceptable attire to the student, or the student being referred to in-house suspension for the remainder of the day.

Dress for extracurricular activities will adhere to the same dress code and should be at least school dress or better. The respective sponsor and administration shall outline required dress for the students' participation in activities that are in any way representative of the individual school or community.

GANG APPAREL/ACTIVITIES

The school district will not allow any individual or group to engage in any behavior that is considered disruptive, harmful, criminal, or that advocates hatred or discrimination toward other individuals, nor will any display of symbols, mode of dress, or any activity related to this type of behavior be permitted. Symbols related to gang behavior are not allowed.

Students that have been found to be associating themselves in anyway with any gang will not be allowed to wear red, blue, or pink, and will be limited to certain attire. These are just a few but they are constantly changing. We stay in close contact with law enforcement professionals specializing in gang related behavior.

WRITING ON ONESELF

Writing on ones hands or other places on the skin will not be allowed. Please be advised should this happen you will be asked to wash it off.

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TABACCO POLICY

Students attending school in this district will not use, possess, sell, buy, or distribute drugs, including alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, or related paraphernalia, on school premises. A full copy of the district policy #551 can be read by selecting the link on our middle school website. We also have a copy in our office.

DISCIPLINE/DUE PROCESS

Expulsion, police citation, safe school assessment, and/or extended out of school suspension may be recommended on the first offense for the offenses listed below. Parent conferences will be required. All discipline is handled on a case by case basis.

Alcohol and/or Dangerous or Imitation Drugs: Using, possessing, selling, distributing or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, (including look-a-likes), other intoxicants or possessing any drug paraphernalia or the glorification of use of illegal substances. A dangerous drug is defined as any drug obtained with or without a prescription that has been used in a manner dangerous to the health of the user.

Arson: Starting a fire at school or using fire to destroy or attempt to destroy property.

Assault: Intentionally or recklessly causing physical injury to another.

Bullying: The habitual badgering and physical or emotional intimidation of others.

Extortion: Obtaining money, goods or favors from another person by threat or intimidation.

Fighting: Provoking a fight or causing physical injury to another person through a hostile physical encounter. Fighting is defined as any physical contact that might result in injury to another person. The use of physical force is never appropriate at school. Students must walk away from conflicts that could lead to fighting.

Disorderly Conduct: Purposeful disruption or obstruction of the normal functioning of school through violence, defiance, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation or other aggressive behaviors.

Theft: Taking, giving or receiving property that does not belong to you or being in the possession of a stolen item or property reported as lost or missing.

Sexual Harassment: It may be verbal, visual, written or physical in nature.

Unlawful Entry: Forceful unauthorized or illegal entrance onto school grounds or into school buildings or classrooms (including searching or looking into faculty desks, closets or files).

Vandalism: Damaging or defacing (including graffiti) school or private property, lockers, walls, bathrooms, etc. Altering material that does not belong to you including computers, computer programs and disks. The student and the parents of the student may be liable for the amount of assessed damages.

Weapons: Possession, handling, use of or transmission of any object that is considered a weapon (including look-a-likes). Weapons include but are not limited to firearms, knives (all kinds), metal knuckles, clubs, poisons, or explosives of any kind. Potentially dangerous objects such as bats, slingshots, chemicals of any kind and fireworks will also be considered weapons.

The following behaviors may result in detention, loss of privileges and/or suspension on the first offense; serious or repeated offenses may result in recommendation for expulsion. Parents will be contacted when any of these infractions occur.

Cheating/Plagiarism: Using unauthorized material for a test, quiz or assignment; presenting material that is not your own work; talking for any reason during an examination; looking in the direction of another student's paper during an exam; or providing answers to someone is strictly prohibited. No credit will be given for any exam, quiz, assignment or project on which a student cheated.

Defiance of Authority: Refusal to follow the reasonable requests of staff. This includes inappropriate or rude behavior including body language, gestures, passive-resistive behavior and lying.

Dress Code Violations: Attire must follow the dress code.

Forgery: Willful use of a forged document including signing a parent's or staff member's name to a note, pass or referral.

Gambling: To wager money or anything of value on the outcome of a game, contest or other event.

Harassment/Intimidation: Includes verbal, physical, or written abuse which insults, ridicules, threatens, bullies or otherwise torments another person. This includes cyberbullying, and inappropriate use of technology.

Inappropriate Displays of Affection: This includes kissing, extended hugging and other inappropriate displays.

Inappropriate Behavior in the Classroom: Any behavior that interferes with the learning process or interrupts the right of another student to learn or a teacher to teach.

Lewd Conduct/Obscenities: Use of profane language or gestures.

Littering: Failing to dispose of trash in the proper manner.

Lying: Making a false or misleading statement.

Tobacco: The use and/or possession of tobacco in any form is strictly prohibited.

Unauthorized Personal Belongings

AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION

Any teacher may assign after-school detention as long as the teacher is handling the detention and the student is given one day's notice. In cases of extreme difficulty in serving the detention, the teacher will make an effort to work with the student if the student approaches the teacher in a pleasant manner and discusses the problem with the teacher.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

In-school suspension may be used in place of out-of-school suspension by the administration. Upon successful completion of in-school suspension, a student may return to classes.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Students suspended from school for any reason may be permitted to make up work at the principal's discretion. The ability to make up work is not guaranteed. All assignments missed will result in a zero for days or periods missed. Days missed because of suspension will be counted as unexcused and be counted toward the nine (9) days allowed each semester. (This may include a period, a day, or up to five days).

MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES

ATHLETICS

Guidelines dealing with eligibility and training rules for athletics will be handed out to parents and athletes at the beginning of each athletic season during a parent-athlete-coach meeting so they will understand the philosophy and expectations of each coach. No student will practice or check out any gear until all of the following are handled:

- ASB card purchased
- Interim questionnaire/athletic rules/insurance waiver on file
- Current physical on file
- All money owed to the school paid
- A signed and notarized drug policy form on file

HOMEWORK

Homework should be expected in every core class but it should not exceed ten minutes times the number of their grade level – see examples:

10 minutes X the 6th grade is 60 minutes
10 minutes X the 7th grade is 70 minutes
10 minutes X the 8th grade is 80 minutes

EXTRACURRICULAR

Students must be in attendance at least 6 periods to be eligible to practice or compete in an activity unless previous arrangements have been made. Doctors or Dentist appointments are OK.

GUIDANCE

Any student wishing to confer with the counselor should feel free to stop at the guidance center at any time and schedule an appointment.

CLASS CHANGES

Prior to the completion of class scheduling, students have had ample time to consider which classes meet their interest and needs. Therefore, class schedule changes should be unnecessary except in extreme circumstances.

LOCKER

Locker combinations are only given to the student assigned that locker. For the security of your locker contents, do not give anyone your locker combination and do not trade lockers. Lockers should be kept neat and clean at all times and should not be slammed, kicked or otherwise abused. Lockers should remain locked at all times when not in use. The school is not responsible for items left in lockers. Locker inspections will be made periodically. Students who fail to care for their lockers will be subject to disciplinary action and charged for the damages. All students will be charged a \$5.00 locker lock deposit at the beginning of the year. The \$5.00 will be credited back to the student at the end of the year if the lock is returned undamaged.

VALUABLES

Students are strongly discouraged from bringing valuables including iPods, cell phones, expensive items, etc. to school. Students who bring valuables to school do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

TELEPHONE – CELL PHONES

Classroom and office phones are not for student use except for emergencies.

Students are advised not to bring their cell phones to school. If a student has a cell phone at school, it must be completely turned off and kept out of sight during school hours. School hours are from 8:04 AM to 3:00 PM. All cellphones that are visible during the school day without explicit teacher approval will be immediately confiscated.

If a cellphone is confiscated:

1st Offence: The cellphone will be held by the principal until the end of the school week. A parent may collect it the last day of that week. So for example, a phone confiscated Monday will be returned Friday. A cellphone confiscated Friday will also be returned Friday. Cell phones will not be returned to students. They will only be returned to parents.

2nd Offence: The cellphone will be kept by the principal for five school days (not counting weekend days). This means you could not have it for the weekend depending on when it is taken. The phone will be returned to parents at the end of the 5th school day.

3rd Offence and Beyond: The cellphone will be confiscated for five school days and the student will be required to turn it in to the office during school hours for ten school days. An additional ten days with your phone in the office during school hours will be added for each additional offence. The student will also receive disciplinary action for repeated violation of school rules

ITEMS IN CLASSROOMS

Any items not needed in a classroom that causes a problem will be taken by the teacher and turned into the office. Those items turned in will be kept for five school days, second offense will be ten days, at which time they may be claimed. Such items will include: radios, CD players, I Pods, tape players, beepers, candy, pop, etc.

BOOKS AND OTHER SCHOOL ISSUED EQUIPMENT

Books and any other equipment issued to you, or you have checked out, are to be properly cared for. The student will be required to pay for lost or damaged books and equipment. Books or backpacks left in the hallways or classrooms will result in a noon detention until the third time. From that time on, each time will result in after school detention for each offense, and noon detention every day until the after school detention is completed.

LOST AND FOUND

Take care of your possessions and mark them so they may be identified. The lost and found barrel is located next to the counselor's office. Check with the secretary for small items.

TRANSPORTATION AND BUS CONDUCT

This service is provided by the school district and is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen on school buses at all times. Rules for bus conduct are posted on each bus, in the teacher's handbook, and given out by the bus driver. All students riding on the bus shall follow these rules. Only students assigned to a bus will be permitted to ride the bus unless approved by the bus driver and principal, or transportation director. Students are under the direct authority of the bus driver at all times while riding the bus. Extracurricular and athletic trips are under the supervision of the teacher, coach, and bus driver.

ASSEMBLIES

We have established a tradition for being an attentive, courteous audience. We are known for our high standard of behavior during plays, sports and assemblies. This means that the responsibility for maintaining these traditions rests with each and every student within the school.

DANCES

Student Council will coordinate with the principal to schedule and organize school dances. No dance shall be scheduled past 8 PM. Dances are intended for NPMS 7th and 8th grade students only.

PHYSICAL AFFECTION

School is not the place for public expression of physical affection between students. Any expression of affection will result in a warning being given for the first time and suspension for any times thereafter.

NON-STUDENT LOITERING

To help protect student and school property from disruptive activity, school officials must have immediate knowledge of any persons who are not members of the staff or student body inside a building or on the school property.

1. Due to space limitations and the fact that we have nothing for them to do; student visitors will not be allowed.
2. Arrangements for visits by adults need to be made through the office. Parents are welcome to visit classrooms but should check with the office first.

CLOSED CAMPUS

The campus for students will be closed. Once students arrive at school they will not be allowed to leave until the end of the day. Students needing to go home for lunch may be excused with a note from their parents.

SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse will be available periodically each day. All medication, including Tylenol, will only be handed out under the direction of the school nurse.

MEDICATIONS

All prescription and non-prescription (Tylenol, cough drops, etc.) medications brought to school must be in their original container and accompanied by a completed permission form. Upon arrival at school, students must bring all medications to the office.

AR READING Rewards

Students who meet their AR goals each semester may attend AR Reward Activities. Traditionally the 1st Semester AR Reward is a ski trip and the 2nd Semester AR Reward is a day at Wahooz. These are subject to change based on availability. AR goals are set by grade level teachers for each term.

SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY

Any student caught in a scholastic dishonest event, which includes but is not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work, will get a warning and earn a Zero for the assignment. Students that are identified in a second or subsequent event could receive an "F" for the semester in that class. (Subsequent event(s) may be a different class).

GUM – CANDY

Gum is permitted at school as long as it is disposed of appropriately and does not become a distraction. Students who abuse this privileged are subject to disciplinary action. Teachers have the right to create no gum zones in their classrooms.

ALL SPORT AWARD

To be eligible for the All Sport Award the student must participate in each sport that is offered at the school. Boys must participate in Football/Cross Country, Wrestling, Basketball, and Track. Girls must participate in Volleyball/Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. The student will not be eligible for this award if they quit a sport.

ATTENDANCE

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The purpose of New Plymouth Middle School’s attendance policy is to place primary responsibility for attendance upon the student. Students are expected to attend classes regularly and to be on time in order to benefit maximally from the instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. Students must be in regular attendance if they are to derive benefits from educational activities.

Continuity in the learning process is seriously disrupted by excessive absences. In most situations, the work missed cannot be made up adequately. Students who have good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more, and are more employable after leaving high school. For these reasons, a student must satisfy two basic requirements in order to earn class credits:

1. Satisfy academic requirements
2. Exhibit good attendance habits (as stated in this policy)

This policy permits a student to accrue a total of nine (9) absences per semester per class. Absence from class for any reason including illness, school activities, or a family convenience shall be counted as one of the nine days. Except in extraordinary cases, as determined by the local Board of Trustees, credit will not be given to any student in a subject when the student was not in attendance at least 90% of the time that subject was being taught. Students exceeding the allowable number of absences may petition the school for credit in those classes from which credit was withheld. Petition forms will show the specific days the student was absent. When the form is completed, the Board of Trustees will review it. Petitions for credit must be filed within two (2) weeks following the semester in which credit was withheld. Petitions submitted after this time will not be considered. Students may petition the board only 2 times in grades 7-12 unless a serious problem exists.

ABSENCES

When a student is absent, the parent needs to call the office between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and let the secretary know of the absence. Should they be unable to do so, you will need to bring a note from your parent upon your return to school.

TARDIES/ Tardy Rewards

A tardy is defined as the appearance of a student beyond the scheduled time that a class begins. If the student arrives in the first 15 minutes of the class, he/she shall be considered tardy. A student arriving after this time will be considered absent. A student may have no more than 2 tardies per class to qualify for a reward activity. Anyone, receiving a total of 6 tardies per class will have to take the semester finals. Once a student reaches six tardies he/she will serve one hour after school as assigned. If students do not serve detention at the assigned time the time will be doubled. Failure to serve the doubled time will result in a one day suspension to home.

CHECKING OUT

Students need a note or a phone call from a parent or guardian in order to check out of school.

TRUANCY

A truancy occurs when the student is absent without the consent of the parent(s), guardian(s), or school officials on the basis of a class, a portion of the school day, or the entire school day.

The truancy policy is:

- The first offense: The parents are notified. The student will be given 5 hours after school detention to be completed that week.
- The second offense: Parents are notified, required to attend a conference, the student is given 10 hours after school detention, and will be suspended for one day.
- The third offense: Parents are notified, required to attend a conference, and the student is suspended for three days.
- The fourth offense: Parents are notified and expulsion proceedings are initiated.

Any truancy will result in loss of the privilege to attend the quarter activity.

SEMESTER TESTS

Semester tests will be given the last two days of each semester in all classes. Students absent three or less days in a class, or who have less than six tardies in a class, will be excused from the semester test in that class and are not required to come to school during that testing period. Should you be required to test by absences or tardies it will count towards your grade. If you do not test when required, it will be counted in as a zero.

SUMMER SCHOOL/RETENTION

SUMMER SCHOOL FAQ

Q. Who is required to attend summer school?

A. Students are required to attend summer school if:

1. He/she has failed 3 or more semester classes, the student is required to attend summer school or be retained. That means if the student has 3 or more “F” grades, he/she must attend summer school.
2. He/she has failed both semesters of the same academic content area class. For example, if the student fails 1st Semester English and 2nd Semester English, the student is required to take summer school.

Q. What happens if a student is required to attend summer school and opts not to attend?

A. The student will be retained.

RETENTION FAQ

Q. What is the NPMS policy about retention?

A. NPMS board policy #609 states:

New Plymouth Middle School students shall pass a minimum of 80% of their credits in order to be promoted to the next grade level. New Plymouth Middle School students will not be allowed to lose a full year of credit in one academic area (i.e. a student would not be able to fail a full year of math). Students not meeting credit requirement will be given an opportunity to recover credits during the extended year in order to be eligible for promotion to the next grade level.

Since NPMS students are enrolled in 14 credits throughout the year, they must pass at least 12 of their credit classes to meet the 80% minimum requirement.

Q. What do you mean by a semester class?

A. Semester classes are transcribed grades. They are not progress reports. There are two semesters per year. A first semester class is considered a separate class from a second semester class even if they are both the same content.

Q. What if I get an “F” in an academic class 1st semester and a “B” in the same academic content area in the 2nd semester? Do you average those out?

A. Each class is considered a separate class. Grades are not averaged between semesters. If a student earned an “F” 1st semester, he/she will keep that “F” even if the student earns a “B” second semester.

Q. Which classes are considered academic classes?

A.

- English
- Social Studies (World History, US History, Western Civ., etc)
- Math (Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1a, Algebra 1b, Algebra 2)
- Science

HARASSMENT REPORTING FORM
New Plymouth Middle School

Date Filed: _____
Student Complainant: _____
Aggressor(s): _____
Date of Incident(s): _____
Description of Incident(s): _____

Previous Steps Complainant Has Taken: _____

Witness(es): _____

For School Use Only

Received by: _____ Date Received: _____

Forwarded to: _____ Date Received: _____

Follow up: _____

STUDENT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

New Plymouth Middle School 2015-2016

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

First Period Teacher: _____

Acknowledgement of Receipt

Please complete and sign this form to acknowledge that you have received and have had the opportunity to review the important information contained in the New Plymouth Middle Student Handbook. Additional copies of the NPMS handbook are available on the NPMS website as well as at the New Plymouth Middle School office.

I have received and reviewed the 2016-2017 New Plymouth Middle School Handbook.

Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Print Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

*****Please return this form by Friday, August 19, 2016 to your child's 1st period teacher.*****