

Student Responsibility, Sitka High School Spring '08

Who Are We?

Sitka High School is a connected, compassionate, positive, and diverse learning community, where students prepare for citizenship in an evolving society.

The Focus

To Establish a school wide focus that will improve student responsibility. It is our intent that student achievement will improve as students show more commitment to meeting the following three responsibility goals:

- Courtesy and Respect
- Work Ethic
- Participation

The Process

We arrived at our focus via a series of small and large group collaborative discussions. We used the backmapping model as our guide.

What are you learning and how do you know?

The building staff has divided into three "homework" study teams. The teams meet 2-3 times each week to share assignments, rubrics and student work in an effort to identify strategies that can improve the rate that students complete and turn in their homework.

Teachers will provide some baseline homework completion data from their current classes this spring, and they will continue to collect and share data as we develop and implement some new schoolwide practices.

Parties Involved

The staff divided into three study teams focusing on instructional strategies, teaching practices and samples of student homework.

A Data Team organized to get baseline data on current student homework production. They will monitor our continued progress.

Further Questions:

How would changes to the following programs impact student responsibility?

- SHS Grading Policy
- LAB program
- SHS Daily Schedule
- Parent Communication
- Hall Monitors

