

DETAINMENT PROCEDURES:

Generally speaking, the term "detention" has a negative connotation. For students and teachers it has meant "to stay after school for some type of punishment"; i.e., an extended assignment or perhaps a "serving of time" for inappropriate behavior or an infraction of school or classroom rules. However, the expression "detention" has come to carry an additional connotation; i.e., a youngster being detained for necessary remedial or tutorial assistance. The former usage of the term has no place in our approach to the teaching/learning process; the latter usage, however, is an idea to which we do subscribe. Accordingly, the following guidelines will apply:

- Teachers are encouraged to provide remedial or make-up assistance in any situation that they have determined warrants it.
- In all cases of after-school help, the purpose and probable outcome will be explained to the parent, since the parents' cooperation and understanding are essential.
- Whenever a student is detained after school hours, supervision will be provided directly by the teacher who has made arrangements for the session.
- Students who walk home will not be detained beyond 3:35 p.m. as crossing guards are not on duty after 3:45 p.m. Bus students may be detained as late as 4:00 p.m. if the parents and teacher have mutually agreed to this time.