



Tardy Policy

Tardies are disruptive to your child’s education and the District strongly encourages students to be at school on time. Tardies are counted by fractions of the school day. Throughout the District, if a student misses more than 10 minutes of a period in secondary schools or one half of either the morning or afternoon in elementary schools, such a tardy will be counted as an absence.

Definition of an Excused Tardy

An excused tardy, like an excused absence, must fall into one of the following four categories:

- Student illness or health condition;
- School initiated;
- Religious observance; or
- Emergency.

To verify an excused tardy, parent(s)/guardian(s) must notify the school either by phone, written note or in person when the student arrives at school.

Examples of Unexcused Tardiness

- Frequent car trouble;
- Oversleeping;
- Babysitting, or
- Missing school bus.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are strongly encouraged to make appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) for their child outside of school hours to avoid interruption of the school day. If a student’s tardiness becomes excessive, a parent conference with the principal or designee will be required in order to implement a plan to reduce tardiness.

Did You Know...
Area employers are looking for workers that are prompt and regular in their attendance. Will your child be prepared for the world of work? Please help us prepare our students for life after school by encouraging prompt and regular school attendance!

For more information related to Student Attendance, contact:

Your School Principal,

School Attendance Secretary,

School Counselor,

or

**District Office
972-6000**

Did You Know...
The number of days absent from school, the number of hours spent watching TV, and the number of pages read for homework are important factors in determining school success.

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Student Attendance and Achievement

