



Hudson High School

Quarterly Attendance Newsletter- Quarter 1 2017-18

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Make Every Day Count!

What you can do to support your students.



Why Chronic Absenteeism Matters for Parents and Families: Good attendance will help your children do well in high school, college and at work. Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10% of school days or about 18 days total. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it. It doesn't matter if these absences are excused or unexcused. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.



HCSD Policy 5100: Grades 9-12

Full Credit Courses:

- a. **10 days absent** – letter to parents and attendance reported to Principal; student may be prohibited from participating in any school-sponsored activity requiring them to miss classes;
- b. **20 days absent** – certified letter sent to parent with warning that course credit is in jeopardy and the District may file a PINS petition;
- c. **32 days absent** – letter from the Principal stating the next unexcused absence will result in loss of course credit;
- d. **Semester courses** will send letters at 5, 10 and 16 days.
- e. **Physical Education classes:** 3 unexcused absences – letter home notifying parent; 6 unexcused absences – letter home and meeting with administration/ guidance; 9 unexcused absences – Audit/ No Credit.

Our HSHS Community Schools representative is here to help!



Community Schools at HSHS provides transportation, mentoring, and acts as a liaison between HSHS families and the school; please contact:

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To Take Action to Help Eliminate Chronic Absenteeism Parents and Families Should:

1. Make getting to school on time everyday a high priority in your family.
2. Talk with your child about the importance of school attendance from an early age and the negative effects of too many absences.
3. When necessary, create a safe space for your child to share what's keeping them from participating in school on a regular basis.
4. Have a backup plan for getting your child to school when there are difficulties with transportation, family illness, or other challenges.
5. Schedule doctor and other appointments for after-school hours whenever possible.
6. Monitor students' school attendance to make sure your child is in class every day.
7. Contact your child's school to discuss supports and services that can help your child maintain regular school attendance. **(See above Community Schools Program)**
8. Half days that abutt weekends and vacations count as absences as well as days before and after long breaks.

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