

SCHOOL POLICIES

TARDY POLICY



WHAT IS A TARDY?

WHEN A STUDENT IS NOT PHYSICALLY INSIDE THE CLASSROOM DOOR WHEN THE TARDY BELL RINGS.

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM TARDY?

GO TO THE TARDY TABLE IN STUDENT SERVICES, A PRINTED CONSEQUENCE SLIP WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU, AND WILL REGISTER VIA MYSTUDENT. YOU WILL BE MARKED TARDY IN MYSTUDENT & YOUR PARENT WILL RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION VIA MYSTUDENT.

DO TARDIES RESET?

YES, EVERY QUARTER.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR TARDIES?

1ST - 3TH TARDY = WARNING & NOTIFICATION VIA MYSTUDENT TO FAMILY
4+ TARDIES = PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE (COULD RESULT IN A LEVEL 2 REFERRAL FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY)

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE (WCD) POLICY

WHEN ARE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES PROHIBITED?

WCDS MUST REMAIN SILENT AND OUT OF VIEW DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, WITH THE ONLY EXCEPTION BEING LUNCH. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ONCE A STUDENT STEPS ONTO CAMPUS OR DURING PASSING PERIODS. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STORE THEIR DEVICES IN DESIGNATED AREAS IN EACH CLASSROOM. STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR HEADPHONES, EARBUDS, BLUETOOTH EARPIECES, OR SIMILAR DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, EXCEPT DURING LUNCH. THESE ITEMS MUST BE OUT OF VIEW AT ALL OTHER TIMES. SPEAKERS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

- USING A WCD TO CAPTURE OR RECORD/TRANSMIT PICTURES OF OTHERS WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT IS PROHIBITED.
- USING A WCD IN LOCKER ROOMS, SHOWER FACILITIES, OR RESTROOMS IS PROHIBITED.
- USING A WCD TO CAPTURE OR RECORD/TRANSMIT/RECEIVE TEST INFORMATION CONSTITUTING FRAUD, THEFT, OR ACADEMIC DISHONESTY IS PROHIBITED.

WHEN CAN I USE A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE?

LUNCH, AFTER SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, ON THE SCHOOL BUS, AND WHEN A CLASSROOM TEACHER ALLOWS YOU TO USE IT FOR AN INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITY.

CAN A STAFF MEMBER CONFISCATE MY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE?

YES. REFUSING TO HAND OVER YOUR WCD IS DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF A WCD?

1. YOUR TEACHER WILL FOLLOW THEIR 3-STEP PLAN.
2. 4TH OFFENSE WILL BE A MINOR INCIDENT REFERRAL
3. REFUSAL TO TURN A PHONE IN FOR CONFISCATION MAY RESULT IN OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION.



ATTENDANCE POLICY

Florida Law (Section 1003.26(1)(b), Florida Statutes) provides that if a student has at least five (5) unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month or ten (10) unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a ninety (90) calendar day period, the school must take action. The school may require documented medical and legal excuses for a pattern of non-attendance.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

5 days or less
absence per year
97% or above
**VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET**

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
**BELOW
EXPECTATIONS**

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
**POOR
ATTENDANCE**



Student Absence Policy Summary

All student absences are marked unexcused (U) until a parent/guardian provides written justification with an approved reason.

- Notify the school within 3 school days or the absence remains unexcused.
- For excessive or extended absences (5 in a month or 10 in a semester), a doctor's note is required if absences are due to illness.
- Without proper documentation, these absences will be marked unexcused.
- The school will follow Pasco's Attend & Achieve policy to document attendance concerns that may result in consequences for students and/or families.

REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Reasons for acceptable (excused) absences include but are not limited to:

- Illness of student.
- Major illness in the immediate family of the student
- Death in the immediate family of the student.
- Religious holiday of the student's faith (including Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, Epiphany, etc.).
- Religious instruction (including Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, etc.).
- Religious institutes, conferences, workshops, provided that the principal or designee approves the absence in advance.
- Absences for trips or other parental requests.
- Requests must be approved in writing by the principal or designee, at least one (1) week in advance. Only 5 days per school year will be excused for parent requests.
- In-school or out-of-school suspension.
- Subpoena or forced absence by any law enforcement agency, a copy of the subpoena or court summons must be submitted to the school.
- For purposes of attendance, school-related activities would not be counted as absences from school.
- Issues and occasions specific to military families.





Refusal to comply with PCS dress code policies is Defiance of Authority and may result in Out of School suspension.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

For full details, see the Rules of Dress and Appearance section of the Student Code of Conduct.

NO HEAD COVERING

(Unless for religious or medical reasons)



ENTIRE SHADED AREA MUST BE COVERED

While on the grounds of a public school, during the regular school day, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment, in accordance with Florida State Statute F.S. 1006.07.

The principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, school board policy and guidelines contained herein.

SHOES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

