

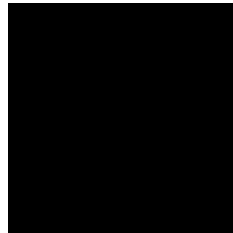
Families are encouraged to take vacations when school is closed. It should be noted that absences due to family vacations are considered unexcused (illegal) absences in New York State. Remember that all assignments are designed to follow lessons provided by the teacher. Students who go on vacations when school is in session will miss introductory and follow-up explanations of concepts and procedures provided by the teacher. Often, students' grades drop following extended absences. H

the Parent's Notification of Students' Absence Form, as well. Absences will count against the high school policy.

2. During the student's absence, teachers will provide texts or other reading materials/worksheets that deal with the concepts to be taught in class, when possible.
3. After his/her return to school, the student will have one week to make up specific class assignments, tests, or projects missed. A student may be required to stay before or after school to do so. It is the family's responsibility to see that a student makes up missed work.
4. The student should be encouraged to read for pleasure during vacation. If plans include an extended stay (one or more months) in another state or country, parents should consider enrolling the child in a school in that locale.

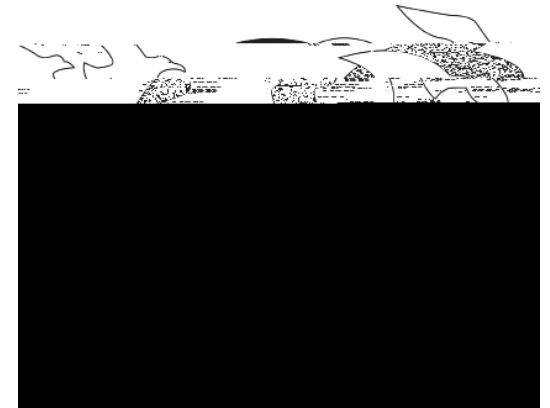
Since there is a direct correlation between achievement and daily attendance/punctuality, the district has created this Attendance/Tardiness Code for all students. The establishment of acceptable attendance habits/patterns is critical in order for students to be successful. This policy will ensure that each student will have the opportunity to reach his/her full potential and maximize the student's interaction with teachers and peers.

Frequent absence of pupils from classroom learning experiences disrupts the continuity of the instructional process. The myriad benefits of regular classroom instruction cannot be replaced, even by additional after-school instruction. Many pupils with high absentee rates only achieve mediocre grades in their academic programs. To maximize success, each student must participate in well-planned instruction designed and implemented by teachers.



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