

ATTENDANCE

WHY DID YOU COUNT ME ABSENT.....

I STAYED THROUGH 9:30????

THREE TYPES OF ATTENDANCE

- Attendance for Credit – you earn enough credits to graduate (One credit per class that you pass)
- Attendance for Truancy – you miss more than 10% of the days that a class is held and truancy charges are filed.
- Attendance for Funding – you are here until 9:30 for ADA funding.

ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

- Students must be present at least 90% of the time that a class is held during a semester. If a semester has 85 days in it, you can't miss more than 10% or 8.5/9 days in that semester.
- Students who miss more than 10% of days must make up attendance on Saturdays, Hit Fest day and after school.
- If you choose NOT to do your attendance make up, you will lose credit for that class and have to retake it.

ATTENDANCE FOR TRUANCY

- We will accept 5 notes from the parent or LEGAL guardian per semester for the student's illness, a death in the family/funeral or a family emergency. These absences will be considered EXCUSED.
- Any days that you are absent and you do not have a note, that you leave school without permission and checking out through the office will be considered UNEXCUSED.
- When a student has 10 or more unexcused absences in a six month period, we will file truancy through the Lavaca County Court System.

ATTENDANCE FOR FUNDING

- The 9:30 rule for funding is in affect on all 3 campuses of HISD. At this time, our district receives funding (approximately \$50.00) for all students who are present.
- This is called Average Daily Attendance or ADA for short. It is our district's paycheck. This is the money that is used to pay the bills for the district including the upkeep of our buildings, the AC and heat etc.

ABSENCE NOTES

When you are absent, notes should be brought to the office within 3 days of returning to school.

It is always important to bring Dr. notes when you go to the doctor.

- When a student must make up attendance days, Dr. notes and extenuating circumstances are taken into consideration.

ABSENCES PER CLASS PERIOD

- You receive one credit for each class that you take and pass.
- If you are absent more than 10% of the time from a particular class, and you choose NOT to do attendance make up, even though you may have passed that class with a 90 average, you will lose credit and have to retake the class.
- Example – you miss your 1st period English class numerous times because you overslept. You are really good about getting the work that you miss and you manage to maintain an 80 average in the class. You will still have to make up any absences over the allotted 10%.