

**DATA PRIVACY ACT** Copies of the school district's full data privacy policy may be obtained from the superintendent's office.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Parents are notified by recorded phone message of all absences not reported to the school on a nightly basis. Parents are notified in writing by mail of all truants. Please clear absences, immediately, by calling 283-2571 ext. 1100 absences after 3 days all absences not cleared will turn into a truant. Please leave a detailed message anytime with the following information. Day of absence, Student's First and Last name, Grade, Reason for absence, and Parent/Guardian's First and Last name.

1. **Six (6) absences per semester in each class.** (Truancies are counted as absences.)  
Students are allowed 6 nonexempt absences in each class per semester. The 7<sup>th</sup> and all subsequent absences not considered exempt in a given period during the semester will be counted as truants. Student will face disciplinary actions from the district for each truant. Continued truancy may result in loss of credit. Students are allowed one (1) appeal per class per semester.
2. **Four (4) unexcused tardies per semester in each class.**  
Students may be removed from class when they reach 5 or more tardies (teacher's discretion). Students denied credit may appeal the decision to the principal or his designee. Students are allowed one (1) appeal per class per semester. Students that are removed from class will be assigned to ISS. While in ISS, students may be required to participate in remediation in order to pass the state required MCA test and achieve the school academic goal.
3. **Three (3) truancies per school year.**  
Truancy from one or more class periods on three different school days will result in a letter being mailed home outlining repercussions of continued truancy. Truancy from one or more class periods on seven different school days will result in child being referred to the Koochiching County Truancy Program.

Students will **NOT** be dropped from courses because of excess absences or truancies unless it is an action resulting from the county truancy program. In the event a student is removed from class and placed in ISS, they may be given work to ready themselves for MCA testing and achievement of the school academic goal. Students may not receive credit for work during truant periods.

Exceptions to the above rules may be made on an individual basis for extenuating circumstances over which the student has no control, such as the extended illness of the student or a death in the family.

The principal or his/her designee should be contacted by the parent or guardian if **special attendance problems** arise so that an agreement can be made to deal with the problem. A statement by the physician will be required in a case where a chronic or extended medical problem causes excessive absences. An attendance committee comprised of teachers, administrators, and staff will review chronic attendance problems and refer to the proper resource.

### **Attendance-Extracurricular Activities**

Students participating in any extracurricular activity must be in attendance 1/2 day to participate or practice that day, unless prior approval has been obtained through the principal's office. This policy also applies to pre-excused absence.

**Students will not be allowed to "sleep in" for a couple of hours the morning after an out-of-town game.** Student athletes who fail to comply with this regulation will be rendered ***ineligible*** for the next game/contest. Exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances. Any student who is invited or selected to participate in any post season tournament/all-star team must use their allotted absence days (6). Absence exemption will not be granted for participation in sports or other co-curricular activities not sponsored by the school district.

### **Absences**

**Students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. must first report to the office.** Failure to report to the office could result in detention.

Students that may need to leave campus during the school day must receive a pass and check back in when they return. Failure to do so will result in detention/ISS.

Although parents have the right to keep their children home from school, **the school determines if an absence will count towards the allotted 6 per semester.** Students and their parents are requested to make arrangements in advance if a personal absence is needed.

**Exempt Absences (not counting towards allotted six (6) per semester are):** illness of the student, field trip, OSS, serious illness or death in the family, observance of a religious holiday, required presence in court, and medical or dental treatment. In addition, local district policy includes participation in school activities. Two (2) campus visits are allowed for Junior's and Senior's per year. Written verification from schools attended is required.

**Pre-Excused Absences:** Students needing personal absence of three or more consecutive days are requested to fill out a pre-excused

absence form available in the office. The form must be signed by a parent/guardian, filled in and signed by the student's teachers, and approved by the principal or his designee. Sixty percent (60%) will count against the six (6) allotted absence days per semester; forty percent (40%) will be exempt from the allotted absence days. Due dates for school work while absent should be worked out with the individual teachers. The pre-excused absence form must be turned into the office at least 2 school days in advance of the requested absence. Students, who have failing grades, incompletes, or detention, will not be approved. Pre-excused absence counts towards the maximum absence rule (6 per semester). Examples of pre-excused absences that may be approved are family vacations (including hunting and fishing), participation in civic and religious events, and personal family business.

### **Tardy Regulations**

A student who arrives at school after 8:30 a.m. must immediately report to the Office and get a tardy slip. Report to **class** if you are tardy period's 2-7. If you are more than ten (10) minutes late you become truant. One hour detention will be issued for students reaching tardy #3 and each tardy thereafter per semester.

### **PBIS-Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports**

PBIS is an architecture for addressing behavior through the prevention-oriented structuring of research-based interventions and supports in a hierarchical and progressive manner for the purpose of improved behavioral and academic outcomes. When a student is noticed for doing something good for the school community the student is issued a Bronco Pride card which than can be redeemed for a prize. The PBIS system uses minor and major offenses for recording behavior. Some examples of minor offenses are: Minor Defiance, Minor Disruption, and Minor Dress Code. Some examples of major offenses are: Defiance, Fighting, and Lying/Cheating. When a student reaches four minor offenses the four minor offenses change to one major which equals one detention.

### **Suspension**

Out-of-school suspension may be assigned when deemed necessary. Examples of behaviors that result in suspension are insubordination, failure to serve detention, fighting, bullying, harassment, substance violations, vandalism, assault, and causing a false alarm. In many cases, a referral is made to the juvenile officer.

Students serving ISS will receive 2 bathroom breaks, are required to eat lunch in the cafeteria in an assigned area, and will abide by the ISS classroom rules. ISS will be assigned 2 days after the incident has occurred or the office becomes aware of it. The ISS date to serve will be assigned by the ISS Monitor or Administration. Students serving ISS may be assigned work to help them pass their MCA tests and achieve the school academic goal. Students in ISS will turn their cell phones in to the ISS Monitor as soon as they enter the ISS room.

Students assigned ISS or OSS will **not be eligible to participate or attend any co-curricular or extra-curricular activities on the day(s) of the suspension**. Students who habitually do not serve detention may be put on room restriction and lose hall passes until detention is served.

### **Detention**

After-school detention is a disciplinary measure which is frequently used as a deterrent to several school rule infractions. When a student is assigned to detention, he/she is expected to have the time served on or before the date specified by the principal, or teacher. Students will follow all school rules while serving detention which includes no hats, electronic devices, and sleeping. Students are required to bring school work, and following directions of the detention supervisor. **If a student doesn't complete the specified hours of detention by the date due, he/she will be assigned a day of Lunch Detention. Detention may be served from 7:40-8:20 am ( 1hr) or 7:50-8:20 am (30 min) in the FHS office. Detention may be served from 3:30-4:20 pm in the FHS Library.** Students who habitually do not serve detention may be put on room restriction and loose hall passes until detention is served.

### **Lunch Detention**

Lunch detention may be used for individuals that typically do not serve their assigned detention. This option may only be determined by the assistant principal, principal, school monitor, teacher or superintendent. In the ISS room all detention rules apply which includes no hats, electronic devices, and sleeping. Students are required to bring school work, and following directions of the detention supervisor.

### **Removal from Class**

Removal from class is the short term exclusion of the student from class during which time the school retains custody of the student.

The following is the procedure for the removal from class:

- a. The initial right and responsibility for the removal of a student from class is that of the classroom teacher. After the initial removal from the class, the student will be sent to the office or ISS room for the remainder of the hour.
- b. If a second removal from a class occurs, an informational administrative conference will be held between the teacher and the principal or the principal's designee. At this conference a decision will be reached as to the length of the time that the student will be removed from class.