

MMHS Attendance Policy

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[Secondary Attendance \(Policy JDH\) \(Spanish Version\)](#)

Philosophy and Guidelines

At Maple Mountain High School, we believe that attentively attending class has a direct impact on student learning and achievement. We are also dedicated to maintain a cooperative relationship with parents and students in order to support good school attendance.

Students should be to class on time and ready to learn every period. **Parents** should check SIS often and ensure that student absences are excused for acceptable reasons such as: Illness, death, medical/dental appointment, family emergency/activity (use “**vacation**” for extended vacation excuses, and in a timely manner...within 5 days.

Teachers should mark roll each day, communicate attendance expectations, and communicate concerns with parents.

Administrators will notify parents and students of attendance concerns and truancy issues.

No Participation List

MMHS has developed a point-based attendance system (new, 2019-20). For each unexcused absence or tardy, students will receive detention hours. When a student reaches 10 hours, they will be placed on attendance warning status. The student will then have one week to reduce his or her detention hours below attendance warning status (10 hours).

If the truant behavior continues and the student does not lower his or her detention hours below 10, the student will be placed on the **No Participation List**. This prohibits the student from participating in any extracurricular activities until detention hours are made up.

Extracurricular activities include:

- Athletics, Clubs, Arts performances, School trips, Receiving a yearbook, Attendance activities, Graduation ceremony, Other voluntary school activities.
- In order to try out, apply for, or audition for extracurricular activities such as athletics, drill, cheer, student council, FFA leadership, fine arts, etc., students cannot have more than 10 hours of detention.

A student who exhibits a pattern of truant behavior and is unable or unwilling to remediate that behavior will be placed in the district truancy program described in JDH 8.1.5 – 8.2, which may include an alternative placement at the discretion of the school administration.

Detention Time to be Served

- Tardy – 15 minutes
- Late Tardy – 30 minutes
- Unexcused – 75 minutes
- Sluff – 90 minutes

Detention Lab Times

- 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. or 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. in computer lab C207, 1:45 – 4:00 p.m. on Mondays, and lunch every day. Teachers are also able to award detention hours (at teacher’s discretion, but not mandatory rehearsal time).
- Students **must bring homework or a book to read. No music, cell phones, games, sleeping, or talking is/are permitted.**

Excusing Absences and Tardies

Parents may excuse absences and tardies within five (5) days by sending a note, email, or calling the attendance office at **801-794-6740** between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or by leaving a message. An excused absence clears a student from truancy; however, it does not remove the absence from attendance records. When excusing an absence, please include the date, time of day, and a phone number where a parent can be reached.