

Madison High School Attendance Policy

Rationale:

The Madison High School faculty, staff, and administration affirm that student attendance has a significant and positive influence on student achievement. Further, this group recognizes the importance of both regular attendance and punctuality to all employers and to the institutions of citizenship. For these reasons, Madison High School applies the following procedures in an effort to teach our students the value of regular attendance and punctuality.

It should be noted that any absence from school is considered detrimental to student achievement. Students who meet attendance requirements must also meet academic requirements to pass the course.

Attendance Policy – 90 MINUTE CLASSES

1. Students will be allowed to miss 5 unlawful or undocumented days from any class and still receive credit for that class. Students over this limit will receive a failing grade for the course and will not receive credit.
2. Students must be present for 75 minutes in order to be counted present for the class period.
3. Three tardies will be recorded as a single absence. Excessive tardies will be handled in accordance with the school's disciplinary policy.
4. Students can miss any number of days, which meet the Public School of North Carolina "School attendance Policy on Lawful Absences." Of the statements that follow, those in italics are lifted directly from the Public Schools of North Carolina's "School Attendance and Student Accountability Manual 2006-2007."
5. Students who believe they meet the standard for a Lawful Absence can submit proof of such to the attendance committee not more than 5 school days following the students return to school. In addition, students with special circumstances can appeal absences to the attendance committee.
6. Students with more than 5 unlawful absences, but not more than 8 unlawful absences, will be allowed to attend after school attendance remediation on a "time for time" basis. One and one-half contact hours will be equal to one period (block) of attendance.

Attendance Policy – 45 MINUTE CLASSES

1. Students will be allowed to miss 10 unlawful or undocumented days from any class and still receive credit for that class. Students over this limit will receive a failing grade for the course and will not receive credit.
2. Students must be present for 37 minutes in order to be counted present for the class period.
3. Three tardies will be recorded as a single absence. Excessive tardies will be handled in accordance with the school's disciplinary policy.
4. Students can miss any number of days, which meet the Public School of North Carolina "School attendance Policy on Lawful Absences." Of the statements that follow, those in italics are lifted directly from the Public Schools of North Carolina's "School Attendance and Student Accountability Manual 2006-2007."
5. Students who believe they meet the standard for a Lawful Absence can submit proof of such to the attendance committee not more than 5 school days following the students return to school. In addition, students with special circumstances can appeal absences to the attendance committee.
6. Students with more than 10 unlawful absences, but not more than 16 unlawful absences, will be allowed to attend after school attendance remediation on a "time for time" basis. 45 MINUTES contact hours will be equal to one period (block) of attendance.