

5240 TARDINESS

Pupils who are late to school or to class miss essential portions of the instructional program and create disruptions in the academic process for themselves and other pupils.

Tardiness to school or class that is caused by a pupil's illness, an emergency in the pupil's family, the observance of a religious holiday, a death in the pupil's family, or by the pupil's compliance with a request or directive of an administrator will be considered justified and is excused. All other incidents of tardiness will be considered unexcused.

Continued tardiness on the part of any student will be viewed as a very serious matter. Promptness is extremely important. Students are required to be in their places, ready for work, at the bell. Infractions of this policy will be cause for corrective or disciplinary action. Tardy students are required to present a note from their parent(s) or legal guardian, whether tardiness is excusable or not.

A pupil who develops a pattern of tardiness, excused or unexcused, will be offered counseling with an appropriate staff member to determine the cause of the tardiness.

N.J.S.A.18A:36-14; 18A:36-15; 18A:36-25 et seq.

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