

Attendance Policy Policy

Regular attendance and punctuality are an integral and crucial part of the learning process. Students will be counted in attendance if they are actually present at school up to and including 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Allowed Absences: Ten absences each year. (Total of excused and unexcused)

Allowed Tardies: Ten tardies each year. Students are tardy when they arrive after 8:00 a.m.

Teachers will track absences and tardies, which will be entered into Jupiter Grades daily. This is accessible online by the parent at any time. Parents will be notified of the absence and tardies by 8:30 a.m. via Jupiter Grades (frequency determined by parental settings) and by the end of the day via text message from Ensign Learning Center.

Excused Absences

Excused absences will not need to be made up and will not have any fees. Excused absences are absences that are caused by special situations which are out of the control of the parent. These special circumstances include, but are not limited to: Medical emergency, severe contagious illness, natural disaster, vacation (out of town), has an appointment, has been suspended.

Children who have highly contagious illnesses (Chicken Pox, Measles, Strep, etc.) need to be kept home.

Children who become ill at school: In the case of serious illness or injury (ie: broken bones, severe headache, throwing up, child is upset and miserable because of the illness, or illness that is highly contagious to others) the parents will be required to pick the child up and that absence will be excused.

Children who have infectious diseases such as Impetigo, Molluscum, Ringworm, Scabies do not need to be kept home but must have the infected area completely covered at all times and consistent treatment of the disease must be in place. To avoid the spread of the disease, if the child scratches underneath the covered area, the teacher will have the child wash their hands, the parent will be notified, and if necessary the parent will come to reapply ointment and or bandage. Staff will not be asked to apply medication.

Parents will need to notify the office or administration and let them know the reason for the absence in order to get those absences excused,

Excused Tardies

Students are tardy when they arrive after 8:00 a.m. Excused tardies will not need to be made up and will not have any fees. Up to 3 tardies may be excused for medical emergencies.

Examples: Mom is on maternity leave or having health complications or other emergencies. The student's tardy record prior to that time needs to be exemplary. Tardies may be excused in a situation that is out of the control of the parents, on a case by case basis, at the discretion of the administration. Parents will need to notify the office and get those tardies excused.

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Make-Up Missed Work

A student who is absent is required to make up all course work missed. It is the parent's responsibility to obtain assignments from their teacher(s) upon returning to class immediately following an absence. Please be aware that teachers cannot ensure equivalent experiences are provided for students who miss class. The classroom experience is not easily duplicated; any absence results in loss of instruction. Please consider this carefully when arranging family trips, appointments, etc.

The student will be given the number of days absent plus one additional day to make up all work missed.

The teacher must verify that assignments have been made up.

Fines and Make up Time

For every absence that exceeds the allowed ten per year, one hour of service or \$10 is required. For every tardy that exceeds the allowed ten per year, 1/2 hour of service or \$5 is required. Service may be made up by either parent or student.

If a student is doing makeup work, the parent is responsible for working out the supervision of the student.

At the end of 1st quarter, any absences or tardies above the 10 allowed per year will need to be made up by the 2nd quarter midterm.

Any absences and tardies not made up by then will be charged with your tuition.

At the end of 2nd quarter, any absences or tardies above the 10 allowed per year will need to be made up by the 3rd quarter midterm.

Any absences and tardies not made up by then will be charged with your tuition.

At the end of 3rd quarter, any absences or tardies above the 10 allowed per year will need to be made up by the 4th quarter midterm.

Any absences and tardies not made up by then will be charged with your tuition.

At the end of 4th quarter, any absences or tardies above the 10 allowed per year will be charged with your tuition.

It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure all make up time is recorded. Suggested volunteer work: working in the lunchroom during lunch periods and clean up, correcting papers or doing projects for teachers, helping with field trips, teacher/classroom donations, and making treats for class parties.

The cost of the treat will be counted towards make up time.

The following scale is per Year.

Absences	Level	Action
0	Honors	
1-5	Satisfactory	Mom will be notified of the student's absence
6-10	Needs Improvement	Mom and Dad will be notified
11+	Unacceptable	Each absence after 10 will accrue one hour of make up time or \$10.00 for every hour not made up in time or donations.
11-14	Unacceptable	Mom, Dad, and Patriarch will be notified
15	Probation	A meeting will be scheduled with the School's Executive Team Board and Patriarch to discuss if the student should continue to attend Ensign.
Tardies	Level	Action
0	Honors	
1-5	Satisfactory	Mom will be notified of student's tardy
6-10	Needs Improvement	Mom and Dad will be notified
11 or more	Unacceptable	Each tardy after 10 will accrue 1/2 hour of make up time or \$5.00 per tardy after 10 for every 1/2 hour not made up in time or donations.

Purpose: Consistent student attendance