



**Effects** We stress the need for students to get to school and class on time. Studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Education on truancy, which is connected with tardiness, show that school attendance is a major factor when it comes to school success and student behavior. While it may only seem like 5 or 10 minutes late, it directly impacts your child's success, disrupts the learning environment for all students in the class, and is a detriment to everyone's learning.

Morning hours are the most crucial of the day because they are when students are most attentive. If students are late, they may miss breakfast. Tardy students miss the beginning of their morning classes, and cause a distraction when they enter late to class.

**Effect on Others** It negatively impact teachers and other students. Teachers are often interrupt their teaching and learning environment to allow tardy students to catch up on their work. This often requires teachers to restructure their lessons or re-teach missed material. Tardiness also takes other students' attention away from a teacher's lesson, leading to more behavior concerns and missed instruction.

Suggestions to ensure your child arrives to school on time at 7:30.

- 1) Pack backpacks/lunchboxes the night before.
- 2) Lay clothes out.
- 3) Pick an available area near your morning exit and put everything there for the day: backpacks, phones, homework, and especially coats and shoes. There are no last-minute distractions this way.
- 5) Wake up earlier and/or leave the house earlier.

### Consequences

- **3rd tardy - Call parents, 1 day of lunch detention (the day after parent contact)**
  - **Lunch detention for every day student is late after that**
- **6th tardy - referral/3 days lunch detention (no participation behavior celebration event)/ Involve counselors**
- **10th tardy – 2<sup>nd</sup> referral / 5 days lunch detention (no participation behavior celebration)/Involve counselors**

**Consequences will be implemented each semester.**