

NEW: Late-to-class policy for high school classes:

We believe punctuality is important, and a trait we want to encourage in our students. What's more, late arrivals to class can be disruptive to the learning environment. In our ongoing effort to ensure student success, beginning February 16, 2009, if students are late to a high school class without approval more than three times, parents will be notified. Following parental notification, unapproved lateness will be recorded as absences.

It's worth noting that, according to the OEC Student Handbook,

"... Students who are absent repeatedly, or who are tardy repeatedly, may be required to perform community service, or to fulfill additional academic requirements.

"Upon review by the Head of School and teacher, students who are absent from a high school course more than eight (8) times in a semester may be removed from that class, or may lose credit for that class. Exceptions may be made for absences due to documented medical reasons; or for absences due to participation in academic or co-curricular programs which are approved by the Head of School or his or her designee; or for other reasons deemed appropriate following a hearing with the Head of School or his or her designee by the student and his or her parent or guardian.

"Students who lose credit in a course due to excessive absences will be placed on academic probation. Students who lose credit in more than one course may have their admission to OEC revoked, pending a hearing with the Head of School and/or his or her designee."

NEW: Absence information policy:

We request that parents to inform us when students are going to be absent for medical or other legitimate reasons. As our school grows, we're finding it increasingly important to do this in a more systematic fashion. As such, we ask that, beginning February 16, 2009, parents inform us if their student is unable to attend school within 24 hours of the absence, and preferably in advance, by calling our main office number at (248) 522-3540, or by emailing Jenny Lane at lane@westbloomfield.k12.mi.us.