

## **Attendance Policy**

Athletes must be in EVERY CLASS, ALL DAY LONG to practice and/or compete. The only exception is a PRE- ARRANGED absence with the attendance office AND event coach (this means at least the day before). We expect responsible **communication** from our athletes to coaches regarding attendance. If an athlete is too sick to come to school, then he shouldn't be at practice or competing. Telling an athlete to relay information to a coach is also considered unexcused.

If you know you are going to miss a practice, you must email your event coach. For sickness or emergencies, you must notify event coach before practice by email or text. Failure to notify coach of absence prior to practice will result in an unexcused absence.

Attendance at practice is required everyday in order to compete in weekly meets.

If an athlete misses a practice for an excused reason, the athlete will need to communicate with the athlete's event coach on the procedure for making up the practice.

Examples of excused absences during the school day in season

- Doctors Appt. Prearranged: Let coach know prior to absence
- Field Trip
- Testing
- School Sponsored Absence
- Home sick (parent/guardian excused)

Examples of unexcused absences during the school day in season

- Sleeping in
- Skipping
- Getting caught up on homework
- Leaving campus for lunch

Although we do expect a student athlete to balance their school work, home life, and sport, we understand situations come up. It's always best to be honest when communicating about absences.

First Unexcused Absence= Warning. During week of competition- one meet suspension

Second Unexcused Absence= One meet suspension

Third Unexcused Absence= Removal from team