Students and Parents:

Here are a few things you need to know about our attendance approach:

- 1. The two main purposes of our approach are **STUDENT SUCCESS** and **STUDENT SAFETY**. Good attendance is closely aligned with academic and social success. The more you are in class the easier it is to succeed academically and have positive relationships. And, there is no safer place for you than being in class.
- 2. Students should NEVER have an unexcused absence. Any absence needs to be school excused or parent excused. We will work diligently to notify parents when students are not in class and have not been excused. As faculty and staff, we will work harder than ever to make sure our attendance records are accurate. We will also be sending a caller home after every period so parents will know if a student missed any period. After two weeks, any unexcused absence ("X" in Skyward) will be changed to a truancy ("Y" in Skyward).
- 3. We need parents to excuse students in a timely manner—preferably the morning of the absence, or as soon as the parent knows the student will be absent. By doing this, parents will not be bothered by the caller that will go out after every period.
- 4. Parents may excuse absences by sending a note during school hours or calling the attendance office at 801-610-8177, **twenty-four hours a day**. (We recommend you save this number in your phone to make it easy.) When excusing an absence(s) with a note or on the phone, parents should include:
 - A) Student name
 - **B**) the date of the absence(s)
 - **C**) specific class period(s) missed
 - D) and a phone number where the parent can be reached
- 5. Tardies will have classroom consequences. When a pattern of tardiness arises, our student advocates will involve students and parents in solving the problem.
- 6. If a student starts to have chronic attendance issues, (absences or tardies) the student advocates will work with parents and students to solve the problem. If the problem persists, the counselors and administration will become involved. If the problem continues after that, the student will have school consequences. They may be restricted from extracurricular activities, dances, senior graduation activities, or face other disciplinary actions.
- 7. **Chronic Attendance Issues**: When students start to have chronic attendance issues, they may be referred to truancy school and/or truancy court.

THS has a fantastic learning environment where great things are happening in classes every day. When you are tardy or absent you miss more than just content and assignments. The time that you miss will add up over time. Again, our whole goal with our attendance efforts at THS is to help students **SUCCEED** and help them be **SAFE**. Please work with us toward these goals for your child.

WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES OF BEING SUCCESSFUL?

Missing a class here or there doesn't seem like much but...

| When you miss just | that equals | which is | and over 13 years of schooling that is | which means that the best that you can perform is | |
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| 1 Day every two weeks | 20 Days per year | 4 Weeks per year | Almost 1 ½ Years | YOU Other Students | Equal to finishing 11 th grade. |
| 1 Day each week | 40 Days per year | 8 Weeks per year | Over 2 ½ Years | YOU Other Students | Equal to finishing 10 th grade. |
| 2 Days each week | 80 Days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 Years | YOU Other Students | Equal to finishing 7 th grade. |
| 3 Days each week | 120 Days per year | 24 Weeks per year | Almost 8 Years | YOU Other Students | Equal to finishing 4 th grade. |





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