

FAQ's

ATTENDANCE

- If I receive a letter stating that my student has 7 or more absences in any class, does that mean he/she is going to fail the class?

No. This letter is purely informational. It is intended to notify you that he/she has 7 absences in at least 1 class (not counting study hall) and that if he/she does miss more than 10 days then all further absences must be documented by a medical professional. If at this time the absences are not medically documented, then the chance exists that the student could fail that class. As the letter states, it is much easier to get a doctor's note while at the appointment. If you have concerns or questions, please contact me at 787-1595 or brenneisen@shg.org.

- Will I be notified if they are at 7 or more absences in another class that is not listed on this letter?

No. You will not receive another letter unless he/she reaches 10 absences in any period. You may contact the office to check on your sons/daughters up to date attendance.

- My son/daughter only missed part of a class. Is this considered an absence?

If your son/daughter misses more than ½ of the class (25 minutes or more missed) it is considered a full absence for that class period.

- What type of absences does this number reflect?

Illness, appointments, unexcused, truant, vacation, personal, suspension, and tardies (more than ½ period missed). School related absences DO NOT count toward the total (Kairos, school sponsored field trips, extra curricular early dismissals, approved college days).

- My son/daughter is going on vacation during the school year and his/her teacher said his/her grade may drop?

Time missed during the school year is highly discouraged for obvious reasons. Per policy, teachers are not obliged to provide for make up tests/quizzes or spend extra time preparing/providing assignments. Credit for work missed may be reduced. Work missed may be required to be submitted prior to leaving. Again, time missed during the school year should be avoided.

- My son/daughter has been tardy to school 3 times and the 3rd time was not his/her fault.

The first two tardies of each semester do not receive a detention no matter the reason. All subsequent tardies receive a detention.

- My son/daughter is involved in athletics and needs to leave for an early dismissal but has missed a class 7 times. Can he/she leave early?

SHG policy states that “after the 7th absence” regardless of the period except study hall, “students will NOT be allowed to leave early”.

ATHLETICS

- My son/daughter has a problem with a coach. How should we address it?

Contact the coach directly. Do not confront the coach before or after a contest or game. You may call the contact number they provide at the beginning of the season or call SHG and the school will get the message to the coach. If the concern is still not resolved, contact the appropriate athletic director.

- What time does my son/daughter need to be in school in order to participate in a practice or contest that night?

They must be in school by 10:45. Exceptions to this are doctor appointments, funerals, or similar circumstances. If they leave during the school day for illness, they may not participate that night.

- My son/daughter has been notified that they are ineligible to participate in athletics due to grades. How long must they sit out?

Students and coaches are notified on Mondays of ineligibilities. The period of ineligibility runs from Tuesday through Monday of the following week. The athlete is not allowed to practice or play in any contests during this time. He/she may attend the contest but may not be in uniform. The period of ineligibility continues until he/she no longer has a failing grade.

- My son/daughter got an ineligible note. She received a 90% on his/her test on Wednesday. The teacher said he/she is now passing. Does he/she get to play/practice on Wednesday night?

No, the student is ineligible for one full week. The student will regain eligibility on the following Tuesday.

- My son/daughter received a note stating that their physical has or will be expiring. Can they continue until we get a new one?

IHSA (Illinois High School Association) rules require that all athletes MUST have current physical on file and that anyone whose physical has expired is NOT allowed to participate in a practice and/or contest until the physical is up to date.

- What is athletic fee that we pay used for?

It is used to offset the general operating expenses of the entire athletic budget.