

New Smyrna Beach Athletic Department Attendance Policy

[ATTENDANCE POLICY VIDEO EXPLANATION LINK](#)

We will be tracking the attendance of our athletes while they are in and out of season.

In Season=The first FHSAA tryout date for your season will serve as your first in-season date.

ABSENCES	Consequence	Example
5 Unexcused absences in any individual class period	Level 1 -Official Warning Letter sent home to parent/guardian that must be signed and returned before playing next game or participating in next competition.	Susie has 5 unexcused absences in her 1 st period science class during her bowling season.
10 Unexcused absences in any individual class period	Level 2 -Suspension of 10% of your scheduled games/competitions	Susie has 10 unexcused absences in her 1 st period science class during her bowling season.
15 Unexcused absences in any individual class period	Level 3 -Second suspension of 20% of your scheduled games/competitions	Susie has 15 unexcused absences in her 1 st period science class during her bowling season.
20 Unexcused absences in any individual class period	Level 4 - Suspended for the remainder of the season	Susie has 20 unexcused absences in her 1 st period class during her bowling season.

Off Season= The time prior to the start of your season and the Monday after your team plays its' last game or competition (JV offseason will be tracked after the Monday of their last comp) will serve as the first day of your off-season. The consequences for excessive unexcused absences for Fall and Winter Athletes will occur during their season the following year.

ABSENCES	CONSEQUENCE	Examples
10 unexcused absences	Start of season on probation. -5 in-season unexcused absences will equal a Level 2 10% game suspension.	Prior to the start of Lacrosse season in the spring, Johnathan has 10 unexcused absences in his 5 th period math class.
20 unexcused absences	Begins season with Level 2 10% game suspension. -5 in season unexcused absences = Level 3 20% game suspension. -10 in-season unexcused absences = Level 4 suspension for remainder of season.	Prior to the start of Lacrosse season in the spring, Johnathan has 20 unexcused absences in his 5 th period math class.

Regaining Eligibility after season suspension- An athlete who has been suspended for a season due to absences will automatically be suspended for 50 percent of any other season they wish to earn the ability to participate in during that academic year. During that time, they may not have any unexcused absences in any class before or during return to play. They will permanently lose their ability to participate after any unexcused absence.

What does VCS consider an Excused Absences?

- brief illness/injury
- medical/dental appointments
- death of an immediate family member
- religious holiday of the specific faith of the student
- school-sponsored/related activity (school field trip, school athletic event)

Excused Absences- ANY EXCUSED ABSENCE MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN TO THE ATTENDANCE AND/OR ATHLETIC OFFICE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE ABSENCE FOR IT TO BE EXCUSED. IF THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION IS NOT PROVIDED THE ABSENCE WILL BE UNEXCUSED.

Athletic Department Excused Absences (Absences that are officially unexcused but will not count toward unexcused absences within the athletic attendance policy): Parents must still provide documentation of these absences to the athletic office prior to or within 48 hours of absence for it to be excused.

- College Visits
- Club travel tournaments

What is an Unexcused Absence?

- missing school bus/oversleeping
- shopping/pleasure/vacation trips
- excessive illness (without physician verification that medical condition justifies pattern)
- skipping (on or off campus)
- **Failure to provide acceptable documentation for the absence within 48 hours**

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE NEW SMYRNA BEACH ATHLETICS ATTENDANCE POLICY

STUDENT NAME _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT NAME _____ PARENT SIGNATURE _____