

Red Devils Dispatch



Self-Management

Self-Awareness

Responsible Decision-Making

Relationship Skills

Social Awareness

Welcome Back!

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for academic growth and development. Hinsdale Central High School expects that each student attends his or her classes every day. Since class participation affects class achievement, absences, whether excused or unexcused, may have a negative impact on learning and the grade earned in class. Section 26-2a of the Illinois School Code and Board Policy 7:70, considers VALID CAUSE for a student's absence to be considered excused.

Excused Absences

Students can be excused from a full day of school for the following reasons:

- Illness (including mental health or behavioral health of the student)
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Death in the immediate family
- Family emergency
- Voting (see Board Policy 7:90, Release During School Hours)
- Circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the students' mental, emotional, or physical health or safety
- Other situations beyond the control of the students as determined by the Board of Education
 - Hospitalization
 - Court dates
 - [College visits – when Pre-Arranged Absence procedures are followed](#)

Pre-Arranged Absences

Pre-Arranged Absence forms may be obtained on the school website. The form must be filled out properly and submitted to the Deans' Office two (2) days before the absence in order for it to be excused. Parents or guardians will need to contact the Attendance Office in order to verify the absence. **If the form and documentation are not turned in for college visits, the absence will be considered unexcused and counted in determining excessive absences. Participation in a non-school related competitive activity or sport are not recommended when school is in session and will be considered unexcused and counted towards excessive absences if the form and documentation is not turned in.** The form needs to be filled out for the following absences and documentation that supports the request for the absence:

- College Visits
- Participation in a non-school related competitive activity or sport

In order to comply with *School Code*, the school reserves the right to determine if an absence is excused. The school considers the following reasons as examples of absences without valid cause, thereby resulting in an unexcused absence.

Unexcused Absences

- Oversleeping
- Car trouble
- "Cutting" class
- Missing the bus
- Missing one class to study for another or make-up test and quizzes
- Babysitting
- Shopping
- Extending Prom Weekend
- Resting or preparing for special events
- Senior Ditch Day
- Vacations

The above list is used for illustrative purposes only and is not to be considered inclusive.

Make-up Work Due to an Unexcused Absence

Students marked UPC – Unexcused Parent Call

- ✓ If a student has an unexcused absence from class on a day when a test/quiz or assignment is due, the student must turn in the assignment the next school day or take the test/quiz the next school day. Teachers have the option to give an alternative assessment.

Students marked TRU – Truant

- ✓ The student may only receive a maximum of 75% on any class assignments or assessments and may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Early Release Days

Wednesdays @ 12:35 PM

September 21	October 5
October 19	November 2
November 16	December 7
January 4	February 1
February 15	March 1
March 15	April 5
April 19	May 3
May 17	

Student Interventions
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tardy Procedures

If a student is not in the classroom when the bell rings, the student will be considered tardy. Students who do not have a valid reason to be late to class will need to report to a tardy station to obtain an unexcused tardy pass. A school-wide tardy procedure for Hinsdale Central High School has been established. Students in violation of the tardy procedures may receive the following consequences:

1st period tardies:

Accrued tardies consequence

1 – 3	Warning
4 – 6	Dean's detention
7 – 9	Extended detention
10 or more	In-School Supervised Study and/or parent meeting

Periods EB, 2 through 10 tardies:

Accrued tardies consequence

1 – 3	Warning
4 – 6	Dean's detention
7 – 9	Extended detention
10 or more	In-School Supervised Study and/or parent meeting

RED DEVIL REMINDERS

Tip Line

The [Tip Line](#) is an anonymous reporting system that is available on our website. Submitted tips are directed to the designated school administrator.

We believe a student's right to feel safe in school is paramount and contributes significantly to his or her capacity for learning and social development. Currently, District 86 schools have a protocol for reporting bullying and other safety related concerns in order to deal with offender. This largely calls on students to approach adults and describe the incident. We believe at times this approach may make students uncomfortable, but we encourage our community and staff to utilize the tip line in order for the school to address these concerns.

Outside Deliveries/Lunch Drop Off

Hinsdale Central does not allow deliveries for food or other items from outside vendors. In order to keep our campus safe and secure, we ask that lunch drop off be limited for emergency purposes.

Assessments/Exams

Students that have 3 or assessments that fall on the same day may request to have an assessment moved. Students that have 3 exams in one day during semester exam week may request to move an exam to study hall or make-up period.

Accommodations to move an exam due to vacation plans, work or other outside obligations may be declined.

Forms to move must be approved by the Deans Office prior to making arrangements to move an exam.

Pre-Arranged Absence Links

Students that will be going on a college visit or are involved in athletics/activities outside of Hinsdale Central, should fill out a Pre-Arranged Absence Request Form in order for the absence to be excused. Link is located in the document under excused absences and on the website in the Deans Office section.

Who can I go to for help?

Students are assigned by Student Support Teams. Student Support Teams consist of student support coordinator, counselors, deans, social workers, school psychologists, and nurses meet weekly to assess student progress with regards to academic issues, social/emotional challenges and behavioral concerns. Each team brainstorms strategies and interventions to better assist students and promote success during high school.

[Student Support Team Contact Info Link](#)

Safety and Security

Helpful Safety/Security Reminders for the Start of the Year

- Students are required to present their student issued ID card/ lanyard upon entering the school or when requested by staff.
- Take all school emergency drills seriously – knowing your options during an emergency and what to do will assist should a real emergency occur. The better prepared we are, the less likely we are to be injured or harmed.
- During school hours never allow a fellow student, parent, or stranger to gain access to the school by opening a locked door or propping a door open. There are procedures in place to check people in during school hours for everyone's protection. Compromising this process can be dangerous to all of us.
- When in the halls during class time YOU NEED A PASS. Security officers have been instructed to address students in the hallway without passes and return them to their class. This will be enforced regularly so be prepared and get a pass before leaving the classroom.
- IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING – a phrase you hear all the time but an important one. School safety is a priority and ultimately everyone plays a role in trying to make Central a safe place. If you ever witness or observe something suspicious or dangerous don't hesitate to bring that information forward to any staff member, school official, or via the tip line.

Bus Transportation

Students who are assigned to and utilizing the bus transportation provided by the district are required to present their student ID to the bus driver upon boarding the school bus. Questions concerning bus routes or ridership should be directed to the Director of Deans. Information about specific bus routes is available on the Hinsdale Central web page. Bus route assignments will be located on your student ID and can also be located in Infinite Campus.

Bus Routes - <https://central.hinsdale86.org/for-families/parking-bus-information>

Cell Phone Policy

Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or other electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone. Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the Building Principal, all electronic devices must be kept powered-off or silenced and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP); (c) it is used during the student's lunch period, or (d) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.

Parking

Access to Parking Off-Campus – Students that do not have a parking permit

Students that do not possess a parking permit and park on campus may be issued a ticket. Students that are on campus for practices or club activities before school hours should access parking on the street. Parking in the student lot is open to all students once school is dismissed for the day.

Parking around campus is restricted to the East side of Grant from 55th to 57th and a small portion on the West side from the entrance of the student parking lot to 57th street.

Please pay attention to the No Parking Signs.