2024 - 2025

We believe in an educational based athletic program and approach. The chances for success in school, and eventually the workplace are grounded in being present at school and in class (and eventually your workplace). School is the training ground to prepare students for academic and future success in life.

We believe the more our athletes are in class, the more they will learn and that higher grades and academic achievement will follow.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS ALL YEAR LONG!

Athlete attendance will also be tracked out of season.

Out of season attendance is the time between the first day of school and Monday of the first day of practice for winter & spring sports and consequences will be implemented during your season.

Out of season is also the time between the last competition and the last day of the school year. For fall sport athletes consequences will be implemented the following season. For some winter and spring athletes it may be implemented the following year depending on when absences occur.

10 – 18 unexcused out of season absences	Athlete will start next season at Level 1 in consequences and absences
19 or more unexcused out of season absences (10% or more of the school year.)	Athlete will start next season at Level 2 in consequences and absences

ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE POLICIES

IN-SEASON DAILY ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students must be in class for at least 50% of the total scheduled classes on their UHS schedule each day to be permitted to participate in practice or competition for that day.

Students who are ineligible to practice or play should attend practice or game (unless you are ill) but may not participate.

Level 1	**5 unexcused absences – cumulative in any individual/same class period** **5 unexcused days – cumulative** **3 unexcused tardies during season in any individual/same class period.**	**Action - Not permitted to be dismissed early for athletic competition for the remainder of the season.** **Action – Official Warning letter sent home to parent/legal guardian that must be signed & returned to athletic office prior to being permitted to compete in a game or competition.**
Level 2	8 unexcused absences – cumulative in any individual/same class period 10 total unexcused absences – cumulative in any/combined class periods 10 days – cumulative absences 6 unexcused tardies – in season in any individual/same class period 10 unexcused tardies – in season in any combination of class periods.	Action – Suspension of 10% of your scheduled games/tournaments of your season or the remainder of season if less than 10% remain.
Level 3	13 unexcused absences – cumulative in any individual/same class period 15 unexcused absences – cumulative in any combination of class periods 15 days of unexcused absences 10 unexcused tardies – in season in any individual/same class period 15 unexcused tardies – in season in any combination of class periods	Action - Suspension of an additional 10% of your scheduled games/tournaments or the remainder of the season if an additional 10% does not exist.
Level 4	16 unexcused absences – cumulative in any individual/same class period 20 unexcused absences in any combination of class periods 20 days of unexcused absence 15 unexcused tardies – in season in any individual/same class period 20 unexcused tardies – in season in any combination of class periods.	Action - Removal from the team. Counted as an incomplete season of participation No awards or counting towards PE waiver

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Brief illness & injury – with note
- Medical/Dental visits – with Dr. notes
- Death of immediate family member
- Religious holiday of the specific faith of the student
- School-sponsored field trip, concerts, activity or school-based athletic events (as determined by Athletic Department)
- College Visits – with a note

Appropriate documentation must be provided to attendance office within 48 hours of absence for consideration of an excused absence. If no documentation is submitted even for the above activities, it will not be considered excused.

IN-SEASON EXCESSIVE ABSENCE POLICY

Student-Athletes are expected to regularly be in class.

Excessive absence & tardies will cause disciplinary actions

See above chart

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

- Missing the school bus or your ride/oversleeping
- Unable to get a prompt ride to school, car trouble
- Shopping/pleasure/vacation trips
- Excessive illness (without physician verification that a medical condition exists justifying the pattern.)
- Skipping class (on or off campus)
- Club/Travel tournaments
- Work

Just because you have provided a note does not automatically make it an excused absence.